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ISRAEL TO HAND OVER SUEZ-CAIRO ROAD TODAY

End of first phase of disengagement

By ZE'EV SCHUL
salem Post Military Correspondent

e first phase of military disengagement between Israel and Egypt be completed today at noon, Israeli troops hand over the lometre stretch of the Suez- road to Unef contingents. tian forces are to assume con- of the road and of the area of it this evening at six ck, following a six-hour "buf- time."

day's handing over by Israel s of the ports of Adabiya and ta, as well as Jebel Ataka and e Suez-Cairo road, will lift the ay siege of Suez City and of Egyptian Third Army trapped he east bank of the Suez Canal e the end of the October war. sizeable contingent of journal- TV crews and photographers e last night down through Sinai he west bank of the Suez Canal vitness Israel's "second exodus" a Egypt. Defence Minister Moshe an thus waived his earlier ob- ion to allow press coverage of Israel withdrawal from "Africa." smen coming from Cairo are likely to witness today's taking r of the Suez-Cairo road by ptian forces.

eanwhile, the dismantling Israel positions on the west k of the canal continued yester- with unabated intensity.

verything movable is being led on trucks, which operate a ttle service back and forth across canal, depositing their loads g the new Israeli lines, some- re east of the Baluza — Tassa — z Gulf line. Israel convoys, car- g troops, equipment and cap- d Soviet weapons, kept on rum- g across pontoon and land ges spanning the waterway yes- day.

rael is to dismantle and remove pontoon bridges across the canal t month at the end of the final se of troop withddrawal from west bank. Military vehicles un- to move on their own are being ed back across the canal, either repairs or "cannibalization." This s for Israeli army vehicles as l as the large number of Russian, ch and East-German trucks that e captured from the Egyptian y.

ontrary to earlier reports, con- ents of Israel army engineers l sappers were seen yesterday blowing up concrete anti-aircraft missile launching sites on the west bank of the canal. Israeli army spokesman yesterday recalled Chief of Staff David Elazar's statement last week that Israel had only undertaken not to damage any civilian installations on the west bank, an order that was being headed meticulously.

Israel radio reported yesterday that Israeli units in the Ein Mussa region, near the Suez Gulf, south of the Third Army, were pulling back some eight kilometres east of the Egyptian lines, much ahead of the originally agreed schedule. The move was said to have been taken in compliance with a request by the Egyptians to increase the distance between Israeli and Egyptian troops before the Third Army begins to thin out its own units.

"Going home," was the real password yesterday with the Israeli troops on the west bank of the Canal, as joyous soldiers packed into the buses that were taking them east.

Anan Safadi adds:

Talks between Egyptian and Israeli officers will now shift to a newly set up field command post north of the city of Suez, pending completion of the second stage of disengagement. This includes an Israeli pullback to the southern outskirts of Deversoir and the thinning out of the Egyptian Second and Third Armies on the eastern side of the waterway. The Unef-controlled field command post will house permanent Israel and Egyptian liaison officers.

The Unef commander, General Ensio Siilasvuo, was due in Suez this morning to inspect a Finnish battalion that will at noon move into the Red Sea port of Adabiya, Mt. Ataka, and a 30-km. stretch of the Suez-Cairo highway, in the wake of departing Israeli troops before turning them over to the Egyptians six hours later.

There was to be an official "turning over" ceremony on the Cairo-Suez highway, but the level of Israeli and Egyptian representation was not known by last night.

Egyptian President Anwar Sadat himself was likely to make an early visit to the city of Suez devastated by fighting during the war of attrition and the October war.

The Egyptians said yesterday they expected the Israel forces to move north to Deversoir within eight days, in the second stage of Israel's withdrawal from the west bank — scheduled to be completed by February 21. The Egyptians were making no mention of the thinning out of their own forces on the east side of the waterway. They said, however, that the encircled Third Army was due to be "reunited" with other units on the west side of the Canal this week.

The thinning out of the Egyptian Second and Third Armies is expected to begin tonight.

Unlike the Israeli withdrawal, which will mean that a large number of reservists will be demobilized, the Egyptian thinning out will have little effect on the men of the Second and the Third Armies who are part of Egypt's standing army.

SADAT PARDON

CAIRO (Reuter). — Egypt's President Anwar Sadat yesterday issued an amnesty decree for former War Minister General Mohammed Fawzi, former Air Force commander Air Vice-Marshal Sidki Mahmoud and former Deputy Premier Abba Radwan. Fawzi was serving 15 years for taking part in a plot to overthrow Sadat in 1971; Mahmoud was sentenced to life after Israel destroyed most of Egypt's air force on the ground during the June 1967 war, and Radwan was sentenced to 15 years in 1968 for taking part in a plot to topple the late President Nasser.

Saudi 'steps' to lower oil price

TOKYO (Reuter). — Saudi Arabian Oil Minister Sheikh Ahmed Zaki Yamani said yesterday King Feisal "will take very important steps" towards reducing the current price of crude oil.

Sheikh Yamani told a press conference that Saudi Arabia in fact regarded the present price levels as "fair and reasonable" but was concerned over the impact of crude oil price increases on the world economy and that Saudi Arabia had responsibilities towards the international community.

NEW PRICES

The following table shows how the cut in subsidies, decided upon yesterday by the Cabinet, will be reflected in higher prices in the food markets this morning.

ITEM	OLD PRICE	NEW PRICE
Bread (Std.) 750 gr.	32 agora	50 agora
Bread ((White) 750 gr.	35	55
Rolls, each	9	13
Hallah, 500 gr.	40	60
Milk, litre	64	IL1
Cooking oil, 580 gr.	71	IL1.05
Sugar, kilo	IL1.14	IL2
Rice, kilo	IL3	IL3.90
Carp, kilo	IL3.50	IL5.60
Margarine, 200 gr.	32	47
Leben, 170 gr.	20	30
Lebenia, 170 gr.	22	35
Flour, kilo	62-66	IL1.25
Eggs, average, each	16	26
Butter, 100 gr.	80	IL1.20
White cheese, high fat, 250 gr.	50	80
White cheese, low fat 250 gr.	44	75

Bread and milk up from today; 4 p.c. C-o-L rise

Increase of 30-70 per cent in basic food prices after subsidy cut

By DAVID KRIVINE, Jerusalem Post Economic Correspondent

Bread, milk, eggs, rice, cooking oil and butter are among basic foodstuffs which will cost from 30 to 70 per cent more from today following a Cabinet decision yesterday to slash subsidies (see details in adjoining table.)

Bus fares will also rise by about half on the average — but details will take about a fortnight to complete.

The Government will compensate civil servants by increasing the cost-of-living allowance ahead of time — and advises other employers to do the same. This pay increase will come to 4 per cent, with additional arrangements for older people, large families and social cases.

Speaking to reporters in Jerusalem last night, Arnon Gafny, head of the Treasury's Budget Division, stated: "We are reducing the subsidies by almost IL1,000m. Compensatory payments to the public will total practically IL400m.

"Thus for every pound of price increase, the public will get 40 agorot back — and the compensation will be bigger for the lower-income groups."

The burden of subsidies has grown from IL250m. in 1970-71 to an anticipated IL1,800m. in the coming fiscal year. Thanks to the present change, the outlay in the Estimates will now be IL825m. instead — with an additional reserve of IL200m. against possible further increases in import prices during the year. The implication is that, barring unforeseen events, the new prices will remain unchanged until March 31, 1975.

Subsidies have become inflated because the authorities tried to keep the prices of standard commodities steady at a time when the cost of primary products were rocketing the world over. Since 1971, the price of wheat has shot up from $69 a ton to $173, sugar from $136 to $337, fodder from $50 to $130.

As a result the subsidised price charged for a loaf of bread (38 agorot — unchanged since 1962) was only 37 per cent of its true cost. Henceforth it will be a little over half.

Housewives were paying not much more than half the true cost of milk, eggs and sugar. As from today, the subsidy on milk is down from 56 agorot a litre to 20 ag., on eggs from 13 ag. apiece to 3 ag., and on sugar from IL1 a kilo to 14 ag.

Formerly the taxpayer's money was used to cheapen goods for the rich as well as the poor, Mr. Gafny stressed. These distortions caused waste by making certain goods artificially cheap compared with alternative commodities.

Mr. Haim Bar-Lev, the Minister of Commerce and Industry, granted an order yesterday requiring all holders of unsold stocks — other than individual retailers and consumers — to pay the price difference on these stocks to the State. Ministry officials started checking inventories last night at manufacturers, wholesalers and large marketing organisations.

The extra C-o-L allowance will be paid on February salaries. The maximum (for persons whose basic pay is IL700 a month or over) will come to IL28. It will be absorbed in the half-yearly increase of the allowance due next July.

On top of that, the large-family allowance (from the third child on) is stepped up by IL10 per child.

Families of soldiers will get yet another IL5 per child, from the fourth child on. For an ex-soldier with five children, the allowance has risen from IL187 a month last April to IL236 at present, and will be IL276 next month.

Old-age pensioners receive the C-o-L allowance and, if they have no other income, will also get an increase of IL20 a month on their supplementary bonus. For a married pensioner, the pension plus bonus has risen from IL232 a month last April to IL388 at present, and will be IL408 next month.

The bus subsidies are cancelled altogether, but will certainly be revived during the coming years because it is known already that costs will go on rising, whereas the new fares are to remain unchanged for the present. Schoolchildren will enjoy reduced fares, but details have not yet been completed.

The Cabinet also discussed proposals to raise postal and telephone tariffs, but decided to shelve the subject until the coming Budget.

From Haifa it is reported that the price of live carp will go up to IL5.60 per kg. retail from this morning. The price is a temporary one until a final figure is worked out, the secretary of the fish breeders union said.

He added that as a result of the subsidy cut, the breeders would no longer market St Peter's fish (Amnon) at the fixed price of IL7 per kg. but would allow the price to fluctuate.

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Syria, Israel still far apart on disengagement

By DAVID LANDAU
Jerusalem Post Diplomatic Correspondent

The gap between the views of Israel and Syria on what a disengagement of forces would entail in territorial terms is still so wide as to preclude any progress towards disengagement talks. This is the assessment of well placed sources in Jerusalem.

These sources believe that if and when that gap is narrowed the PoW question would be solved, and the obstacle which it puts in the way of actual disengagement talks would be removed.

The Cabinet yesterday issued a statement reiterating Israel's "readiness to negotiate disengagement of forces on the Syrian front as soon as Israel receives the lists of its PoWs in Syria and the Red Cross is permitted to visit them." The ministers heard from Deputy Premier Yigal Allon and Foreign Minister Abba Eban on their talk with U.S. Secretary Henry Kissinger last Sunday, when he stopped over at Ben-Gurion Airport on his way home from Damascus.

Dr. Kissinger said at that time, and has repeated since, that he brought "constructive ideas" from the Syrian Government, but Cabinet sources said here last night they could see little that was hopeful in the Syrian situation at the present time.

Observers here interpret the Secretary's reference to "constructive ideas" as a tribute to Syria's willingness in principle to negotiate a disengagement — a willingness which is itself unprecedented. But the Syrian idea of disengagement involves an Israeli withdrawal virtually to the pre-1967 line — an idea which Israel cannot entertain. Israel thinks in terms of a pullback from some of the territory newly occupied in the October war, with UN forces filling the vacuum and a reduction of forces on both sides, along the lines of the Egyptian disengagement.

An exchange of prisoners would also be part — probably the first part — of such a disengagement accord. But Israel continues to insist, as the Cabinet reiterated, that transmission of the lists and permission for the Red Cross to visit them must precede any negotiations whatever.

If there is a shift in the Syrian position on disengagement in the coming weeks, then Secretary Kissinger would probably seek to catalyse an initial arrangement for transmission of the PoW lists. He has already suggested that Syria hand them to the Red Cross and that their transmission be linked to the start of disengagement talks.

But, the sources in Jerusalem stress, the PoW issue is not at present the major cause of the impasse. The disparity of views on disengagement itself — with each side well aware of the other's disparate view— makes any progress towards the negotiating table impossible.

Israel's ambassador to Washington will now convey this Israeli position to the U.S. Secretary, who was awaiting the outcome of yesterday's Cabinet discussion. Dr. Kissinger is expected to meet with Syrian diplomats due to arrive in Washington this week as part of a newly strengthened Syrian representation in the U.S. capital. (They will operate from the Pakistani embassy since the U.S. and Syria have no diplomatic relations — though their resumption is seen as imminent.)

Dr. Kissinger himself yesterday briefed UN Secretary-General Kurt Waldheim and U.S. Ambassador to the UN John Scali on his Middle East peacemaking efforts. He thanked the UN for its cooperation.

Asked whether he had made some progress in getting the Syrians to join the peace discussions in Geneva, Kissinger said "we're trying to get something started," adding that he was "moderately optimistic about it."

The sources in Jerusalem point to pressures on President Assad and his regime acting in both directions: towards accommodation with Israel and towards a tougher line. On the one hand, the success of Egypt's disengagement accord with Israel and the concomitant improvement in Cairo's relations with Washington are powerful inducements upon Damascus to follow Cairo's lead.

But there are pressures within the Ba'ath parties of Syria and Iraq, and from Libya and other extremist regimes, for Syria to maintain a rigidly uncompromising posture.

Heavy clash in north

Jerusalem Post Military Reporter

Heavy artillery and tank cannon exchanges erupted on the northern front yesterday for the second consecutive day after the Syrians had opened fire on Israeli positions.

Israel forces suffered no casualties during the fierce exchanges that went on intermittently for almost five hours, after the initial Syrian artillery and tank attack at noon, the army spokesman said.

The Syrians directed their fire at Israeli positions along almost the entire length of the Golan Heights front, in the areas of Kafer Nassej, Kafer Ma'ats, Tel Antar, Mazrat, Beit Jann and the Rafid junction.

The army spokesman announced yesterday that an Israeli soldier was killed on Saturday, in addition to the three soldiers who were wounded during the three-hour artillery exchange with the Syrians.

News agencies reporting from Damascus yesterday, quoted a Syrian claim to have inflicted heavy casualties on Israeli troops.

Histadrut: Too drastic

The cuts in food subsidies announced by the Government last night "are too drastic and affect too many commodities," Yeruham Meshel, Acting Secretary-General of the Histadrut told Israel Radio last night.

"We shall have to examine whether the sum of IL110m. earmarked to help out low-income families is enough for the purpose," he said. Earlier the Histadrut Central Committee had warned the Government it would demand an immediate rise in cost-of-living allowances if the prices of vital foodstuffs increase "drastically."

Avraham "Buma" Shavit, acting president of the Manuafacturers Association, said, "People ought to have been told the truth, namely that we must all lower our standard of living and tighten our belts. The four per cent increase in cost-of-living allowances could be universally applied, Mr. Shavit believed.

"A number of employers have already announced that they were unable to pay the 14.8 per cent allowance announced last week," Shavit told Israel Radio.

M. 101 DEPARTURE. — Israeli soldiers fold up tent this past weekend at Km. 101 on the Cairo-Suez ad. The site, made famous by Israel-Egypt talks held there in the wake of the October War, this ening becomes just another marker on the desert road now reverting to Egyptian control. (Micha Bar-Am)

Katzir ready to ask Meir to form gov't

Jerusalem Post Knesset Reporter

President Ephraim Katzir will obably call on Premier Golda Meir tomorrow, to form a new gov- nment, it was understood in Jeru- lem last night.

After the President has charged r with the task of forming a vernment, she has three days in hich to reply whether she agrees assume the task, and then 21 days present her government. If need , she can request another 21 days ter that.

President Katzir completed his atutory round of consultations ith all the parties successful in e December 31 Knesset elections, hen he received a delegation of e Beduin and Villagers, which put egev Sheikh Hammad Abu Rabi'a to the House.

The President commented to Israel Broadcasting's Arabic newsreel reporter, Shlomo Ganor, that he realized "the problem of forming a government presented quite a few difficulties."

He said he had spoken to delegations of all the parties "in a friendly rather than in a formal manner, to ascertain their specific points of view on the current national situation — especially as regards security and political affairs."

Sheikh Abu Rabi'a said his party wanted Mrs. Meir to form the next government. "We believe the Alignment can attain peace," he stated.

In his review of party policy, the Sheikh criticized government programmes aimed at pressuring the Beduin to abandon their nomadic existance and take homes in permanent locations. He said that many Beduin whose lands had been sequestrated still had problems of compensation. He told President Katzir that the next government should press forward faster with plans to give the Beduin more schools, roads, electricity supplies and water pipelines.

Sheikh Rabi'a, who was accompanied by other candidates on his list representing the Little Triangle and Gallilee as well as the Negev, seized the opportunity for a tour of Beit Hanasi, the Presidential Mansion, since it was his first visit there.

The President's staff had made sure to lay on freshly ground coffee with *hel* to serve his appreciative guests.

CABINET CONDEMNS SHARON

By DAVID LANDAU and ASHER WALLFISH

The Cabinet yesterday roundly condemned Aluf (Res.) Ariel Sharon, M.K., for claiming the privilege of disobeying army orders, and for risking the disclosure of military secrets.

In an extraordinarily lengthy statement, the Cabinet also reiterated its complete confidence in the Chief of Staff, Rav-Aluf David Elazar, whose dismissal Sharon had urged in two interviews last Friday.

The Cabinet took up the issue after two Ministers had put questions to Defence Minister Moshe Dayan about complaints submitted against Sharon by the former O/C Southern Command, Aluf Shmuel Gonen, during the Yom Kippur War.

The Agranat Committee, probing the Yom Kippur War, was asked a month ago to put Aluf Gonen's complaints on its agenda, it was reliably learnt last night.

This move came after Aluf Gonen had written to Chief of Staff David Elazar in December asking him what action GHQ had taken on his complaints about Sharon's insubordination. Aluf Gonen suggested that GHQ probe his own complaints in conjunction with the complaints of other Army officers, since these all revolved around the charge that Sharon had ignored specific orders from superiors, and at the same time had carried out operations for which he had not received any orders.

The Chief of Staff is understood to have consulted with the Attorney-General, and as a result the whole issue was referred to the Agranat Committee.

(Concurrently, magazine editor Uri Avneri — still an M.K. at the time — got a copy of Aluf Gonen's letter and sent it to Cabinet Ministers, the Knesset Foreign Affairs and Defence Committee and the editors of the daily papers.)

Most Cabinet Ministers concurred yesterday that the complaints against Sharon would be handled better outside the IDF framework, by the Agranat Committee. Most Ministers felt the proper thing to do might be to extend the terms of reference of the Agranat Committee — if it thought fit. This is because the Agranat probe stops at the point in the war when the Arab onslaughts were stemmed, concentrating mainly on preparedness and deployments. The probe would have to continue until the cease-fire to cover those elements in the Sharon controversy referring to the conduct or misconduct of the campaign.

Health Minister Victor Shemtov and Tourism Minister Moshe Kol tabled written questions to Defence Minister Moshe Dayan at the begining of last week (before Sharon's "Ma'ariv" and "Yediot Aharonot" interviews) asking what progress the Army had made over Aluf Gonen's complaint against Sharon. The two Ministers also asked Mr. Dayan about the interviews which they felt were also reprehensible.

(*The Post* learnt reliably last night that no action would be possible against Sharon for the two interviews since they were passed by the Army's press censor.)

The Chief of Staff was both hurt and enraged by Friday's interviews, it was reliably learnt. He is reliably learnt to have demanded that Premier Meir take action after the interviews.

Premier Meir said, according to the Cabinet statement: "We all appraise what the Chief of Staff did before the war and in the conduct of the war. The entire Cabinet has full confidence in the Chief of Staff."

The Cabinet communique said Mrs. Meir "strongly decried — in the name of the entire Cabinet — Knesset Member Sharon's statement about the duty of an IDF officer to obey orders. (He had said that in certain circumstances loyalty to his men outweighed loyalty to his superiors.)

"This is an ideology of insubordination which is foreign to the IDF," she said, adding that there was a danger of Army secrets being revealed to the enemy, by commanders of the regulars and the reserves, on the basis of information they received in the course of their duties.

Defence Minister Moshe Dayan echoed Mrs. Meir's remarks. He denied ever having told Sharon he had no chance of being appointed Chief of Staff because of his political views. It was his intensive political activity as well as his being elected to the Knesset which stood in his way, Mr. Dayan said he told Sharon.

Mr. Dayan and the Chief of Staff dismissed as groundless Sharon's criticisms (in the interviews) that military thinking in the IDF had become petrified. They likewise dismissed Sharon's allegations that the IDF made appointments and assigned functions according to political criteria.

Absorption Minister Natan Peled told *The Post:* "Sharon is running wild, he's distorting facts and he's blurting out military secrets. The way he boasts about breaking orders could be fatal for the IDF."

(Sharon replies, page 2)

STUDENTS THREATEN STRIKE IN MARCH

Demand second-cycle courses for all demobilized soldiers

By ERNIE MEYER
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Student leaders have threatened call a boycott of all classes in arch unless the universities agree open second-cycle courses for de- obilised soldiers in all faculties, peating material taught in the rst semester.

The students say that faculties hich have announced they will re- eat first-semester courses only if certain minimum number of de- obilised men return in March are eneging on promises made before e universities opened in Decem- er.

Representatives of student unions esterday took an all-or-nothing ttitude. They said that unless every ngle released soldier-student is iven a chance to catch up on e first semester, it would be better to close the universities for a whole year and to have all students bear the loss, rather than only some.

LECTURE NOTES

Student leaders are also dissatisfied with the way the universities have carried out plans to send mimeographed lecture notes to students at the front. They say that while many professors spare no efforts in helping mobilised students keep up with their studies, others are lackadaisical. Ya'acov Pink, recently-appointed executive-director of the National Association of Student Unions, said yesterday that his office receives 20 to 25 letters every day from soldiers complaining that they were not receiving lecture notes.

The students are to meet with Education Minister Yigal Allon on Thursday to discuss their complaints. After that they will take a decision on whether to call a strike. (The students last went on strike in October 1972 over a IL145 rise in tuition fees and delayed the opening of universities.)

The head of the Hebrew University student union, Yigal Lanker, who is at present in service, said during a recent leave that many students in the army were disillusioned with the arrangements their universities had made for them. He also criticised some fellow students, now attending classes, for being "too smug in their own routine as to help those at the front. I think that our rector is doing all he can, but I doubt whether his instructions are carried out," he said.

The Rector of the Hebrew University, Prof. Yitzhak Rabin, said in a recent interview that the programme of sending lecture notes to soldiers was "in the process of implementation." He estimated that about 1,000 lectures were being transcribed every week, although not all were sent off immediately, since it was found more practicable to dispatch them in batches of several lectures. He cautioned that "there is a lot of inertia in a large body such as that of a university."

AS PLANNED

Prof. Rabin said that if a large number of students were to be demobilised following the disengagement of forces the second cycle of courses would open as planned. If only a trickle of students were released they would have to be taught individually or in small groups by tutorial methods.

Those not released until June would be able to take only the special summer semester and would have to make up the remaining two semesters during the next academic year.

Prof. Rabin said that the Education Ministry had requested serious cuts in the current budget and that as a result new appointments were being deferred and other economies introduced. He added that with the start of a second-cycle semester quite a few courses would have to be dropped — not for budgetary reasons, but because of scheduling difficulties and classroom shortages. He believed that the decision to open the universities on December 23 (with a two-months delay) was the right one and that the various methods devised for helping mobilised students were sufficient.

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THE WEATHER

Forecast: Partly cloudy to cloudy with occasional showers, clearing partially towards noon.

Synopsis: A barometric low over the eastern Mediterranean is causing instability in this region.

	Yesterday's Humidity	Yesterday's Min.-Max.	Today's forecast
Jerusalem	98	4—7	3—6
Golan	89	-1—4	0—4
Nahariya	56	3—15	2—15
Safad	84	0—6	1—5
Haifa	66	7—14	8—14
Tiberias	52	6—16	6—15
Nazareth	—	4—10	—
Afula	72	5—14	6—14
Shomron	88	4—8	4—8
Tel Aviv	73	9—14	8—15
B-G Airport	70	8—13	9—15
Jericho	82	9—14	9—15
Gaza	87	8—15	3—15
Beersheba	70	6—12	6—13
Eilat	39	9—18	9—19
Tiran	53	9—18	9—18

Social and Personal

Prof. Aaron Antonovsky of the Ben-Gurion University Centre for Health Services has been appointed to the Lunenfeld-Kunin Chair of Medical Sociology. The chair, one of seven endowed at Israel universities by the Lunenfeld and Kunin families of Switzerland, will make possible the development of a long-range research programme on the influence of social and cultural factors in shaping man's health, especially in the Negev.

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Swedish parliamentarians Paul Brundin, Anders Wijkman and Gabriel Romanus yesterday visited the Weizmann Institute of Science.

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Judge Herbert I. Sorin, of Brooklyn, was guest of honour at a Melaveh Malka held on Saturday night at Boys Town, Jerusalem, on the occasion of the dedication of a synagogue in the name of the Glory of Israel Congregation of which Judge Sorin is president.

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The Board of Governors of the Jewish Agency visited the Israel Goldstein Youth Village of Hanoar Hazioni, Jerusalem, on January 27, 1974. They were greeted by Dr. Goldstein, whose name the Village bears, and by Shraga Adiel, head of the Youth Aliya Department. After luncheon, they visited the dormitories, the various workshops, the library and the Culture Centre, receiving explanations from the Village Director, Zeev Schickler.

(Communicated)

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BIRTH

PERES — To Judy and Mickey Peres, a girl, at Hadassah Hospital, Jerusalem, January 27; first grandchild to Leonard and Ettie Zurakov, Ramat Hasharon, and Kaethe Voss, Netanya; great-grandchild to Abe and Rose Seltzer and Anna Zurakov, Chicago.

ARRIVALS

Mr. Phillip Stollman, Associate Chairman of the Board of Trustees of Bar-Ilan University, from the U.S.

Leo Marcus, executive director of the U.I.A. of Canada, for consultation with Keren Hayesod-United Israel Appeal.

DEPARTURES

David Golan and Mark Mosevics, to the U.S. on behalf of the First International Bank, (by El Al).

'NO ISRAEL — JORDAN TALKS'

Government officials yesterday denied a foreign press report that Israeli and Jordanian officers met recently to discuss a separation of forces.

A statement from the Prime Minister's office said, "no meetings between Israeli and Jordanian officers have taken place regarding an agreement on disengagement of forces or an any other subject."

A Foreign Ministry spokesman said, "no such meeting has taken place. This report is entirely without foundation."

The "New York Times," quoting Arab diplomatic sources in a dispatch from Beirut, said such a meeting took place in the Jordan Valley and the Jordanians proposed Israel withdraw 13 km. from the Jordan River and return Jericho.

Seamen to consider ending strike as Histadrut suggests compromise

By YA'ACOV FRIEDLER
Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — The Seamen's Union will decide this morning whether to call off its strike in view of a Histadrut proposal to keep at least one of the Zim passenger ships running.

The seamen had started a three-day strike yesterday morning, to back their demand that the Government reverse its decision to abolish the passenger fleet, consisting of two ships — the Dan and the Nili. Yesterday, two vessels which had finished loading were prevented from sailing because of the strike, one in Haifa and one in Ashdod port.

The Histadrut Central Committee discussed the strike at a stormy meeting yesterday morning. The union secretaries attended the meeting and several dozen crew members of the passenger ships crowded the corridors in the Histadrut Executive Building. They burst into the meeting hall several times and had to be evicted.

The committee undertook to try and persuade the Government to keep one of the ships running, if the union could prepare a detailed operation plan. Union Secretary Shlomo Avitan told *The Jerusalem Post* last night that they would present such a plan today. They believe that one ship could be operated at a loss of no more than $1m. a year, which was the subsidy the Government had been willing to grant. (The two ships would, according to latest estimates, lose IL15m. this year.)

He said that the sailors would help economise and operate the ship with a reduced complement during the off season, to keep running expenses down. Their plan called for a trial run of one year, to prove that the challenge could be met.

If the Zim Passenger Lines Company was unwilling to run a single ship, the union had an offer from a private company willing to do so, he said.

But the general manager of the passenger lines, Captain Nimrod Eshel, last night dismissed the union's claims that it would be possible to keep one ship running with only minimal losses. The company had closed its branches, and all European travel agents knew that the line had been cancelled. It was now too late to get enough bookings, he said.

He noted that his management had prepared a contingency plan to run one ship this year, with maximum economy, which it estimated would keep the deficit down to some IL6m. But the board had rejected the plan, and the Government had approved the board's decision. If another firm was willing to take the risk, they were "welcome," he said.

It was learned yesterday that many ratings on the country's cargo ships had expressed their displeasure at yesterday's strike, which they felt was being held for a restricted group of men. They noted that the passenger ship stewards had zealously guarded their berths and prevented other sailors from sailing on the ships. A number of them had become rich from the smuggling of goods into the country, for which the two ships had become notorious.

Habad books printed across Cana

Members of Kfar Habad examine the first prints of their re-issue of the "Tania," whose cover is shown above. The cover carries the inscription, "Fayid, west of the Suez Canal."

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Obeying their rabbi's order from Brooklyn, the Kfar Habad hassidim have photographed and printed a re-issue of the "Tania" in Fayid and distributed over 10,000 copies of it to soldiers.

"We do not know why the *rebbe* instructed us to do so; we have never asked why. But 24 hours after the telephone message was received, we were on our way south, carrying printing equipment, photographic apparatus, and paper for the printing," Shlomo Maidancik, chairman of Kfar Habad, told the press here yesterday.

The "Tania" is a compilation of sayings by the originator of the Habad Hassidic strain, Shneor Zalman of Liady. It was first printed in Slavuta in 1767. The Fayid printing is the 75th, and was made from the 1943 edition printed in Kfar Habad. The only other "Tania" printed on African soil was in Tunisia in 1968. The Fayid edition has 444 pages in pocket format.

Together with the "Tania," the Habad Hassidim printed a new pocket edition of a 700-page "Siddur" in the Ari tradition, photographed from a Brooklyn edition.

There were three printings of the "Tania" in Fayid. The first, 1,000 copies, had many blemishes as the printers adjusted to working in the synagogue. The second and third printing were professional much better.

The binding was made at the Kfar Habad printing press. The whole operation took about a month. The military authorities collaborated with the printers, and the distribution of the books was usually accompanied by singing and dancing, Mr. Maidancik said.

Burg goes to Bat Yam to pressure local NRP to break pact with Likud

By SARAH HONIG
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The NRP's internal battle to convince its local Bat Yam branch to switch alliances from the municipal Likud faction to the Alignment was intensified yesterday when Minister of Interior Yosef Burg visited the town.

His aim was to move the local NRP activists to break the coalition agreement under the Likud's Yitzhak Walker and to team up again with incumbent mayor Menahem Rothschild, Alignment.

Dr. Burg was reported to be especially trying to "soften" the position of members of the NRP's young leadership, who control the local party branch here. The branch is meeting this evening "to re-examine the municipal coalition agreement."

It was announced here, meanwhile, that the agreement admitting the religious parties into the Likud-led municipal coalition will be signed this morning. The signing was initially scheduled for Friday morning but was postponed by the Likud at the last moment in protest over the nation-wide deal between the NRP and the Alignment to support each other in municipal coalitions. This would mean the NRP would break a number of agreements already concluded with the Likud.

The Alignment's main aim is to restore Mr. Rothschild's administration in Bat Yam and the NRP is to regain control of Bnei Brak, where the Alignment had teamed up with the Aguda bloc after four years of partnership with the NRP.

The Tel Aviv Likud delay was a demonstration of solidarity with its sister branches and of displeasure at the NRP's deal, and was not really intended as a threat to keep the Tel Aviv NRP branch out of the coalition.

The issue of the municipal coalition deal between the Alignment and the NRP is to be raised in the Knesset by Dr. Yehuda Ben-Meir, NRP, and by the Likud's Ben-Zion Keshet, both of whom will question the ethics of going back on signed agreements and on making and breaking local governments without regard to local interests.

The Bat Yam NRP young leadership members over the weekend maintained their steadfast refusal to give in to NRP leadership pressures and inducements to make them renege on their agreement with the Likud. However, informed sources say that pressures have mounted to such an extent that it is hard to predict which way the branch there will finally go.

Another possibility is that the Bat Yam branch will not change its collective mind, but that personal pressure will be exerted on each of the two NRP councillors. Mr. Rothschild will have a slim majority of one, even if just one of the two joins him. Such a switch is said to be out of the question as far as the young leadership councillor, Uriel Fellah, is concerned, but some circles believe that deputy mayor-designate Yitzhak Turk may yield and join Mr. Rothschild. Mr. Turk, however, recently came out against diktats by the NRP executive and stated that the agreement with Mr. Walker will not be broken.

The Alignment in Bat Yam is said to be ready to yield to any of the NRP demands in order to win them over. It is unlikely that the NRP will switch without getting benefits in return.

The Alignment has served notice on the NRP that unless it delivers Bat Yam, it will not get Bnei Brak. However, the ability of the Alignment to simply hand over Bnei Brak to the NRP has also been put in doubt as the two Alignment councillors-elect are said to be hesitant about going along with the NRP for yet another four years. The Bnei Brak Alignment men say that the NRP did not keep its promises made at the signing of the coalition pact four years ago.

One result already achieved by the NRP-Alignment deal was the ouster of Netanya's Mayor Oved Ben-Ami. The NRP was peeved at the Alignment for joining a Likud coalition under Mr. Ben-Ami, leaving the NRP in the opposition. The Alignment, therefore, went back on its agreement with Mr. Ben-Ami and will form a coalition with the NRP.

Labour Party Secretary-General Aharon Yadlin yesterday rebutted Likud charges that the Alignment and the NRP were acting reprehensibly in seeking to reverse newly-signed local coalition agreements.

He charged the Likud with hypocrisy, noting they rushed to sign a coalition agreement in Tel Aviv with the ILP on the grounds that they won the largest number of votes, but when the Alignment seeks to apply the same line elsewhere, the Likud charges "distortion of the voters' wish."

Yadlin said that the Alignment took 47 per cent of the votes in Bat Yam, winning 10 council seats. If in Tel Aviv the Likud, with 14 of the 31 seats, is entitled to form a coalition, why not the Alignment in Bat Yam.

Likud boycotts Arrangement Committee

By MARK SEGAL
Jerusalem Post Political Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The Likud Knesset faction has decided not to attend today's meeting of the Knesset Arrangement Committee because it refuses "to be dictated to by the Alignment," Simha Erlich of the Likud Executive said yesterday.

"We will not sit on that committee and we will not appoint members to any of the Knesset committees until these committees are formed in keeping with the new party key in the House," Mr. Erlich said.

The Likud leader said the Alignment "has not yet got used to the change in the Knesset membership. We intend to help them in this painful process."

He noted that the Alignment leaders had promised to divide one of the deputy Knesset speaker's posts between Mrs. Shulamit Aloni M.K. and the ILP faction. The Likud was opposed to increasing the number of deputy Knesset speakers, considering that the agreed number of eight was already too many.

He stressed the Likud's firm resolve to stand by its demands for proper representation in Knesset committee chairmanships and not be treated by the Alignment "as if they owned the entire country.

"That has to be stopped. We now represent one third of the Knesset. The Alignment has to accept the change." Mr. Erlich added. "Sapir used to be director general of the Defence Ministry, then he became director general of the Finance Ministry, and now he acts as director general of the State of Israel."

Haifa Likud to stay in opposition

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The Likud faction on the Municipal Council here last night broke off negotiations with the dominant Alignment on joining its coalition because "no serious proposal" had been made to them.

On Wednesday evening, the Council will elect Yosef Almogi as mayor, and the Likud will again be the sole opposition faction.

Jackson calls for arms-free Sinai

By IRA SILVERMAN
Jerusalem Post Correspondent

WASHINGTON. — Senator Jackson called yesterday for a total demilitarization of the Sinai peninsula.

Speaking on the CBS television programme, "Face the Nation," the Democrat from Washington State asserted: "I think the whole of Sinai should be demilitarized and hopefully for some time to come a U.N. force would maintain the buffer zone."

Observers here point out that a total Sinai demilitarization would cut both ways, requiring a pullback of Egyptian troops east of the Suez Canal, as well as an Israel withdrawal, but Jackson did not elaborate on his plan.

In response to questions from Rowland Evans, the syndicated columnist, Senator Jackson expressed his opinion that the disengagement accord reached by Egypt and Israel last week "is a good beginning." Asked whether the U.S. has sold out Israel, Jackson answered, "It's not a sell-out."

The Senator outlined two courses of possible American action in the Middle East: Guaranteeing, with the Soviet Union, an arrangement including Israel withdrawal to the 1967 borders, or providing for defensible borders for Israel, including demilitarized buffer zones to help maintain the peace. He insisted on the latter course, adding: "Israel is the only ally we've had in modern times that has not asked for American troops" to help its defence.

Mr. Jackson was pressed hardest on the accusations he has levelled against the major oil companies during the past week of hearings before his Senate subcommittee on investigations. In view of the skyrocketing profits of the major companies, Jackson has questioned whether the energy crisis here is only a pretext by the companies to eliminate competition, raise prices, repeal environmental standards, and gain new tax subsidies.

On Sunday's nationally televised programme, he maintained his charges and proposed that the oil depletion allowance so beneficial to the oil industry be mandated for use only in the development of increased capacity and output such as drilling and refining.

He warned that the nation may need petrol rationing unless new sources from overseas are forthcoming by April 1. Asked whether he thinks the U.S. will soon obtain an end to the Arab oil embargo, Jackson replied: "We may or may not; it's simply not a reliable basis on which to plan."

On that point Jackson was in unusual agreement with Frank Ikard, president of the American Petroleum Institute, who appeared an hour later on NBC News' "Meet the Press." Ikard said he could not predict an end to the embargo, but would not rule out Secretary of State Kissinger's optimism on the possibility.

"All indications are that Dr. Kissinger is proceeding in his negotiations," he stated, "and I'd have no reason to disagree with anything he has said."

On almost all other issues of contention, Jackson and Ikard were in sharp disagreement. Jackson's hearings have been the scene of acrimonious argument between some Senators, led by Jackson and Senator Abraham Ribicoff, and oil company executives.

Interestingly, however, the debate has steered clear of the Arab-Israel conflict, focusing almost exclusively on the pricing and profit structure created by the oil companies and the producing states.

Northerners: Golan vital to our security

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TIBERIAS. — Representatives of settlements on the Golan Heights and of the Upper Galilee and Jordan Valley District Councils yesterday met to discuss the status of the Golan settlements in view of the possibility of talks with the Syrian Government.

They resolved that only a border which assured the continued existence and security of the Golan settlements, would safeguard the security of the long-established settlements in the Hula and Jordan valley. To secure the Golan necessitated continued settlement activities, establishment of a broadly-based economic infrastructure, and doubling the Jewish population.

The District Councils considered the Golan an integral part of the Galilee, and were therefore anxious about its future. They fully backed the demand by Golan settlers that the Government assure their future. It was decided to send a delegation to Premier Golda Meir, to express their concern and anxiety on the future of the 16 settlements in the Golan.

Booby-trap shells found in Tiberias

TEL AVIV. — Two booby-trap mixture mortar shells were found in Tiberias yesterday. Twelve were handed over to authorities by a citizen in the Dan region, and two more found in Tel Aviv.

Rav-Pakad Shalom Rosen, police spokesman in the north, said similar booby-traps have been found in Upper Nazareth and Kfar Saba. He called upon the public to report any suspicious object to the police.

U.S., Israel trade unions say peace is vital for entire Mid East

TEL AVIV. — A joint A.F. of L-CIO — Histadrut statement published here yesterday expressed hope for durable peace in the Middle East, and came out against surrender to oil blackmail.

Culminating a visit by the American trades union organization, the communique said peace was vital for the region's development and for both Israel and its Arab neighbours. It hoped the Geneva talks would develop into direct negotiations for a lasting peace.

The Yom Kippur war exposed the meaning of Arab aggression, backed by the Soviet bloc and oil interests, it said.

It described the stand taken on the Middle East events by a number of European trade unions as disappointing, and called for independent, courageous and unequivocal conduct by the free trade unions. It also urged closer collaboration between free trade unions in the five continents in the fight against poverty, manipulations by supra-national corporations, restrictions of human rights, and acts of terrorism.

The statement called the over 40-year-old solidarity between the A.F. of L.-CIO and the Histadrut. It called on the millions of workers in Arab countries to collaborate in the building of a better world.

The American delegation, led by Mr. Lane Kirkland, yesterday met with Prime Minister Golda Meir, and earlier with President Katzir; toured Sinai; attended a meeting of the Histadrut Central Committee, and last night were given a dinner by Acting Histadrut Secretary General Yeruham Meshel, at the Ramat Aviv Hotel. They leave this morning.

Tiffany suspect bailed out to Eilat

TEL AVIV. — Ammon Ronald, bookkeeper of Tiffany's, which went up in flames earlier this month, was yesterday released on IL100,000 bail and ordered to spend the next eight days in Eilat. Charges connected with arson are pending against Ronald and two others associated with the nightclub. District Court Judge Arieh Even-Ari turned down a police request to extend Ronald's custody, but forbade him to leave the country. *(Itim)*

SHARON REPLIES TO CHARGES

By MARK SEGAL
Jerusalem Post Political Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Aluf (Res.) Ariel Sharon M.K. told this reporter last night that "I stand by the charges I have made and reject outright the Government's criticism of me." Mr. Sharon said it was not he who had started the "war of the generals" and his only aim was "the good of our army and the State of Israel."

Sharon was also interviewed on Israel Radio yesterday. In reply to a question. He said he felt the Chief of Staff's blame was so apparent that there was no need to await the commission's report.

Speaking generally, Sharon felt that the "war of generals" was superfluous and harmful. "Indeed, it is alien to me. I did not begin... it was launched against me right at the outset of the war by my commanders in the Southern Command. I begged them to let up until after the war was over. For my part I am ready to put an end to this quarrel. It's high time we had a disengagement here, but it's inconceivable that the attack should be one-sided."

Sharon also repeated that Dayan had told him and others that he too considered that Israeli military thinking had stagnated and needed shaking up. Sharon also stood by his charge that army appointments were affected both by the party considerations and "factional criteria."

Asked to reply to Premier Meir's charge that he had evolved "an ideology of disregarding orders," Sharon said, "I firmly reject that charge. Of course I think that orders have to be obeyed. But if I find myself in a situation where I have to choose between my superiors' orders and my subordinates' welfare, I will opt for the latter. For me top priority goes to loyalty to the State of Israel."

The Alignment spokesman, Yoram Peri, yesterday issued a statement denying charges against him levelled by Sharon in his interview in "Ma'ariv" on Friday. Sharon had charged that the Southern Command was full of political officers from the Labour Party and mentioned three names — former Palmah poet Haim Hefer, ex-Palmah political officer Yehuda Ilian and Alignment spokesman Yoram Peri.

Mr. Peri told *The Jerusalem Post* that "during the entire war I never saw Haim Hefer even once." He said that he himself was at the Southern Command H.Q. for only a short time. "During the war I was a military correspondent on reserve duty and I was sent there by the Army Spokesman together with other correspondents.

Elazar has 'harsh criticism' of Sharon

TEL AVIV. — The Chief of Staff, Rav-Aluf David Elazar, last night told military correspondents here he was requested by Prime Minister Meir to refrain from expressing in public his reactions to charges levelled against him by Aluf Sharon about the conduct of the Yom Kippur War.

R/A Elazar said: "I have a great deal of harsh criticism about what was said in the interviews granted by General Sharon.

"I expressed my criticism at the Cabinet meeting today.

"I was requested by the Prime Minister to refrain from being dragged into a public discussion on these matters. I have no intention to be so dragged into such a public debate.

"I am bound by limitations — both legal ones and those of conscience, and I will not conduct these discussions on the pages or newspapers.

"I am fully satisfied by what was said in the communique issued after today's meeting of the Cabinet."

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Grocers say Gov't withholding rice

By AARON SITTNER,
Jerusalem Post Reporter

The Government has for the past two weeks been wilfully withholding rice from Jerusalem suppliers in expectation of higher prices, the Jerusalem Merchants Association charged yesterday.

In a telegram to Commerce Minister Haim Bar-Lev, the association's grocery division complained there was no need to hold back supplies of rice and other staple food items when Government warehouses were well stocked with the commodities.

On January 13, the Deputy Director-General of the Ministry of Commerce and Industry, Dr. Moshe Mandelbaum, told *The Jerusalem Post* in an interview that hoarding by consumers did not make sense since no immediate price rises were in the offing. He added that the Ministry would begin to flood the market with rice, sugar and oil.

In response to the Merchants Association's charges yesterday, the Ministry's spokesman, Gad Soen, conceded there were shortages of staples in food shops but denied that the Government was limiting quantities it sold to wholesalers or packers. He told *The Post* last night: "I contacted our regional distribution directors on Friday, and they categorically deny they are holding back merchandise."

Mr. Soen added that food processors and packers are not equipped to cope with a market demand as extensive as the present one. He said: "The Shemen Oil Company is getting all the sugar it wants. But neither company can produce fast enough to satisfy the public's insatiable demand these days."

Phone tokens being hoarded

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The public have begun hoarding telephone tokens, the spokesman for the Communications Ministry has confirmed. He said the demand for the grooved metal discs has grown so rapidly that a special order for hundreds of thousands of them has gone out to the mint overseas.

The spokesman, Zecharia Mizrotzky, told *The Post*, "The lowly *asimon* has now joined rice, sugar and oil in the 'most wanted' category. If post office clerks are wary of selling large quantities it is not because of official rationing, but merely because they are running short."

Mr. Mizrotzky agreed that fears of increased phone charges are behind the hoarding, but insisted he had no knowledge of an impending increase.

DRUSE TO ESTABLISH AGENCY, 'LIKE THE JEWS'

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — The Druse community will shortly establish a "Druse Council of Israel" along the lines of the Jewish Agency, Druse Sheikh Ja'aber Mu'adi, Deputy Minister of Communications, announced at a press conference yesterday.

The council's 35 members, to be elected by the 35,000-strong community, would deal with all facets of life within the community and represent the Druse vis-a-vis the government.

Sheikh Mu'adi said the council would be financed by a tax on the community, but would also call for a government grant. The council would engage in fund-raising for community projects among Druse communities abroad, as well as among Jewish communities. A building to house the council offices is planned for Mt. Carmel.

The Sheikh said the council was needed because the Druse felt that, although they fulfilled all their duties to the State, they were not enjoying all the privileges.

He said in answer to a query that at the start all the representatives would be male, "but as our community progresses" women might also be elected; However, women would be eligible to vote for the delegates.

Sheikh Mu'adi said he is demanding that a Ministry for Arab Affairs be established in the new government. There were now half a million Arabs in the country, he noted, and the traditional system of "Arab Affairs advisers" and Arab departments in various ministries had proved a failure.

He said that the last election, when the Rakah New Communists won more Arab votes, had proved this. A Ministry would help bring the Arabs of Israel back into the "positive" mainstream.

The Sheikh said that due to the political situation in the region, it might be too early for the new minister to be an Arab.

Sheikh Mu'adi also called for an Arab or Druse deputy Minister of Interior, as it was this Ministry that the minorities dealt with most in their daily life.

He also appealed to the Defence Ministry to give special consideration to the problems of young Druse servicemen, especially to help more of them to study at university. He called for the "priority release" of Druse university students from reserve duty, and for the postponement of military service for Druse high school graduates, noting that while there were thousands of Jewish students, his community had only some 200, and urgently needed educated young men to help it progress.

Gaza girl takes fatal leap while fleeing brother

GAZA. — A young Gaza woman, Adela Mahfouz Hassan, has died in Ashkelon Hospital of injuries she sustained when she jumped from the 10-metre-high balcony of her home to escape from her brother.

The brother, Hassan Mahfouz Hassan, 25, is to be charged with attempted murder.

Police say Hassan had been chasing his 22-year-old sister in order to injure her for "dishonouring the family." He allegedly said during questioning that he had seen their 62-year-old mother embrace a strange man, and that he had reason to believe his sister was following in the same path. *(Itim)*

Why there are still not enough eggs around

By YITZHAK OKED
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Where are all the eggs going? Ministry of Agriculture and Poultry Marketing Board officials, together with housewives, would like to know. According to PMB statistics, the hens have started recently to lay about 90 million eggs per month, which is about the normal consumption rate. Just the same, there still seems to be a shortage and in a number of groceries they are still being rationed, and then only to regular customers.

Agriculture Ministry officials believe that this is simply a case of hoarding, the scarcity of eggs during the past few months having turned the average buyer into a hoarder who habitually buys more eggs than he really needs.

"Even though there are enough eggs, the PMB decided to import an extra 10 million. A shipment of five million eggs arrived yesterday, and a further five million will be arriving in the middle of the week. This has been done to satisfy the market," a PMB source told *The Jerusalem Post* yesterday.

According to PMB statistics, there should be egg surpluses, from next month, because February-June is the hens' most productive period.

Among other causes for the current egg shortage is the development of what is termed a grey-market in eggs — farmers selling to independent middlemen instead of to Tnuva and other recognized agents. Although it is difficult to estimate how much of the market these independent middlemen have cornered, it is believed to have reached about 20 per cent.

But the increase in egg production is having its effect on this grey market. In December, a "grey" egg was going for about 40 agora; it has now dropped to about 25 agora. The official price is 18 agora. The PMB warning of administrative action against farmers who continue to sell "grey" eggs, seems to have had scant effect.

Another cause seems to be the war and its aftermath. Farmers are ordering fewer chicks to replenish their stocks. Mickey Yadlin, chairman of the Poultry Breeders Union, said that orders dropped mainly for chickens to be raised for meat. If farmers do not resume production, there will be a growing shortage of chicken meat. Because of smaller orders, the PBU have had to destroy day-old chicks.

The Government has ordered the poultry breeders to continued their normal pre-war production, and has been compensating them for the chicks that they have had to destroy since the start of the war. The Government has also been paying the breeders an extra 10 agora subsidy per breeder egg which was sold as an eating egg because of lack of customers.

The main drop in demand for chicks seems to stem from call-up of a number of chicken farmers. Several wives, unable to cope with the farm alone, have decided to wait until the husband returns home before renewing the stock. Mr. Yadlin has turned to these wives requesting them to make an extra effort and buy chicks, so that there will not be a shortage of chickens and turkeys.

Poll shows 50% optimistic on Sinai deal

Jerusalem Post Political Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Nearly 50 per cent of the public are optimistic in the wake of the disengagement of forces with Egypt, according to a telephone poll conducted by Dahaf last week.

The sample was made up of 520 persons (258 men and 262 women) in Jerusalem, Tel Aviv, Haifa and Beersheba. The replies were: 13.1 per cent — very optimistic; 36.5 per cent — optimistic; 20.2 per cent pessimistic; 10.6 per cent — very pessimistic. The remaining 19.6 per cent were either undecided or didn't know.

Dahaf poll director Daniel Lombroso noted that there were more undecided replies in Tel Aviv, and more pessimists in Jerusalem and Beersheba.

The subjects were also asked how they would vote following the disengagement agreement. Here 40.19 per cent said the Alignment, and 30 per cent the Likud. Dr. Lombroso noted the similarity between this percentage and the recent Knesset election results.

New Turkish envoy arrives

BEN-GURION AIRPORT. — Mr. Ahmet Asim Akyamac arrived here yesterday to take up his new post as Turkish Minister. He came only one week after his predecessor, Melih Akbil, left on the completion of a five-year tour of duty. Mr. Akbil is to represent his country in Prague.

Mr. Akyamac declined to make any political statement on the grounds that the government he represents was formed only recently.

Woman killed by car in Beersheba

BEERSHEBA. — An unidentified woman aged about 60 was knocked down and killed by a car on Saturday afternoon in the old town of Beersheba while she was crossing the road.

Police did not detain the driver, a 27-year-old resident of Moshav Hatzeva, because they believed it was the victim, and not he, who was at fault.

Search continues for bodies of fallen

By ZE'EV SCHUL
Jerusalem Post Military Correspondent

TEL AVIV. — Special contingents of the IDF Chaplaincy Corps are continuing their search of Egyptian Second and Third Army line positions for the 350 men missing and believed killed in action in these sectors of the front.

The total number of bodies retrieved yesterday was not available. On Friday, 12 were recovered.

The search is often complicated by the fact that the Egyptians dynamited some of the Bar-Lev strongpoints (in particular those with many bodies). Elsewhere they buried bodies in groups in shallow graves.

The search parties are paying attention to abandoned Israel vehicles including tanks. The slow and laborious process is aided by the personal identification files of each one of the missing men. These files are based on eyewitness accounts of the comrades in arms last to see the men. Additional data was provided by next of kin.

Unfortunately, many of the identification discs worn by IDF soldiers were removed by Egyptian soldiers as battle souvenirs.

Zoo birds barbecued

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Vandals killed all birds in the tiny zoo in the children's corner of the Bavli Quarter here and grilled them at a barbecue on Friday night. One of the birds was a peacock.

The carnage was discovered by neighbourhood children on Saturday morning.

"It was one of the more savage acts of vandalism which have occurred in this city lately," the municipal spokesman said yesterday. He said traffic mirrors, recently tried on some corners, have been stolen, benches destroyed, and even refuse bins have disappeared.

500 Bond leaders view manoeuvres at air base

Over 500 delegates to the Prime Minister's Israel Bond Conference flew from the U.S. straight to an air base somewhere in Israel yesterday to begin their seven-day mission on economic support for Israel.

The Bond leaders, from 84 communities in North America, witnessed military exercises after their El Al jumbo jet touched down, and later lunched with Aluf Binyamin Peled, O.C. Air Force, who briefed them on the role of air power in Israel's defence system.

Sam Rothberg, general chairman of the Israel Bond Organization, declared that the aim of the conference, convened at the request of Mrs. Meir, was to launch an unprecedented $1,000m. reconstruction and development issue of Israel Bonds.

"We have come to recommit ourselves to the strengthening of Israel during this period of momentous decisions," Mr. Rothberg said. He pointed to record-breaking Bond sales of more than $500m. in 1973 as "clear evidence that in the U.S., Canada and other parts of the free world, a united Jewry recognizes the urgent need of keeping Israel's economy strong in the midst of peace negotiations at Geneva."

Last night the conference participants were the guests of Finance Minister Pinhas Sapir at a reception at the Tel Aviv Hilton, which was also attended by key figures in government, the defence forces and civic and business affairs.

Today the men will visit the Sinai front, while the women tour the women's army headquarters and later view a showing of new Israel fashions. (Editorial — Page 8)

Knesset to hear complaints of absorption faults

Jerusalem Post Political Reporter

TEL AVIV. — New immigrants taken on as temporary employees are the first to be fired in an emergency, Zalman Shoval MK (Likud-State List) said as he tabled a motion for the Knesset on current problems of immigrant absorption. Mr. Shoval charges that the mishandling of absorption had reached crisis level and that emigration was on the rise.

The departmental structure of absorption is figuring in the current coalition talks. The ILP-Aloni bloc has urged the Alignment to agree to the merger of the Absorption Ministry with the Housing Ministry. Inside the Labour Party and other factions, there is even talk of abolishing the Absorption Ministry and returning its functions to the Jewish Agency's aliya department.

The Labour Zionist world movement has proposed retraining the present division of responsibilities between the Jewish Agency and the Ministry, but creating a coordinating committee of the directors-general of all ministries linked to immigrant absorption — Housing, Commerce and Industry, Labour, Education and Finance plus the Jewish Agency Aliya Department. It also suggests a special Cabinet committee to provide top-level guidelines.

Immigrants' car regulation delay

March 31 is the new deadline after which immigrants will have to show both an Israel driving licence and one from their country of origin before they can clear their tax-free cars through customs.

The customs administration said it had moved up the deadline from February 1 in answer to pleas from immigrants called up by the army or whose driving teachers or examiners are now in the forces.

The original order required immigrants to hold valid Israel licences and to have immigrated with valid licences from their countries of origin. Under the new decree, an immigrant may also clear his tax-free car without a licence from his home country provided:

- He began driving lessons before August 1 of last year or had a scheduled examination cancelled during October-December because either he, his teacher or the examiner had been called up for a month or more;
- He acquires an Israel licence by March 31 of this year;
- His rights do not run out before then;
- He can show papers to prove the length of time he or the driving instructor served, or proving the cancellation of the examination.

Jewish Agency Governors meet this week

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The Board of Governors of the Jewish Agency opens a two-day meeting in Jerusalem tomorrow to consider raising the Agency's current annual budget from $470m. to $720m. due to the increased revenue from fund-raising abroad.

The board, headed by Max Fisher, will consider changes in the budgets for immigration and absorption, housing, settlement, health, welfare and education. It will also discuss ways of mobilizing expertise in these areas among the Jews of the Diaspora. At tomorrow's meeting, which will be opened by Acting Agency Chairman Arye Dulzin, ways will be sought of increasing the partnership between Diaspora Jewry and Israel.

The board will be addressed by Premier Golda Meir and Finance Minister Pinhas Sapir.

Army just won't free key workers, industry told

By MACABEE DEAN
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Front-line unit commanders show little sympathy for the problem of freeing industrial key-men, Nissim Nissimov, director of the Metalpress company, told a meeting of the Manufacturers Association yesterday.

Mr. Nissimov said the feeling at the front was "We key-men and non-key-men are in this war together, and here at the front we are all key-men."

He was reporting on his trip to the front, on behalf of the Association, to try to convince front-line commanders to release key-men whose discharge had been approved by the authorities.

He said that industry might as well get used to the idea that these key-men would not be released soon, and it was "up to industry to struggle along without them."

Mr. Shmuel Meitar, of the Golden Pages, called on each industrial plant to "adopt a front-line unit." Many soldiers had "no family," and each soldier should be made to feel he was fighting for someone. Moreover, there was a shortage of warm clothing in many units, there was a need to send such items in bulk form to the soldiers. El Al was transporting these crates at 50 per cent of its usual rates, and the customs had reduced the duties to almost nothing.

Other speakers pointed out that "The flood of orders to industry from the Defence Ministry had failed to materialize so far," and others wanted a total overhaul the present regulations mobilizing vehicles and freezing workers in specific plants.

Kollek visits collapsed house

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Mayor Teddy Kollek yesterday visited the site of the collapsed building in the Old City where two persons died last Tuesday and said the city will, where feasible, repair any building deemed to be in danger of collapse.

Ten families in East and West Jerusalem whose apartments were damaged by the recent rain and snow are at present being put up in hotels at the city's expense until repairs to their homes are completed. The bill for the repairs will be passed on to the owners if they are in a position to pay, Municipal officials said.

The collapsed house on El Quirami Road is a pile of rubble with just half a dome supporting a television antenna intact. Residents of the area said the building in the Moslem Quarter was owned by Jews from before 1948. One woman said that the landlady was named Fetele.

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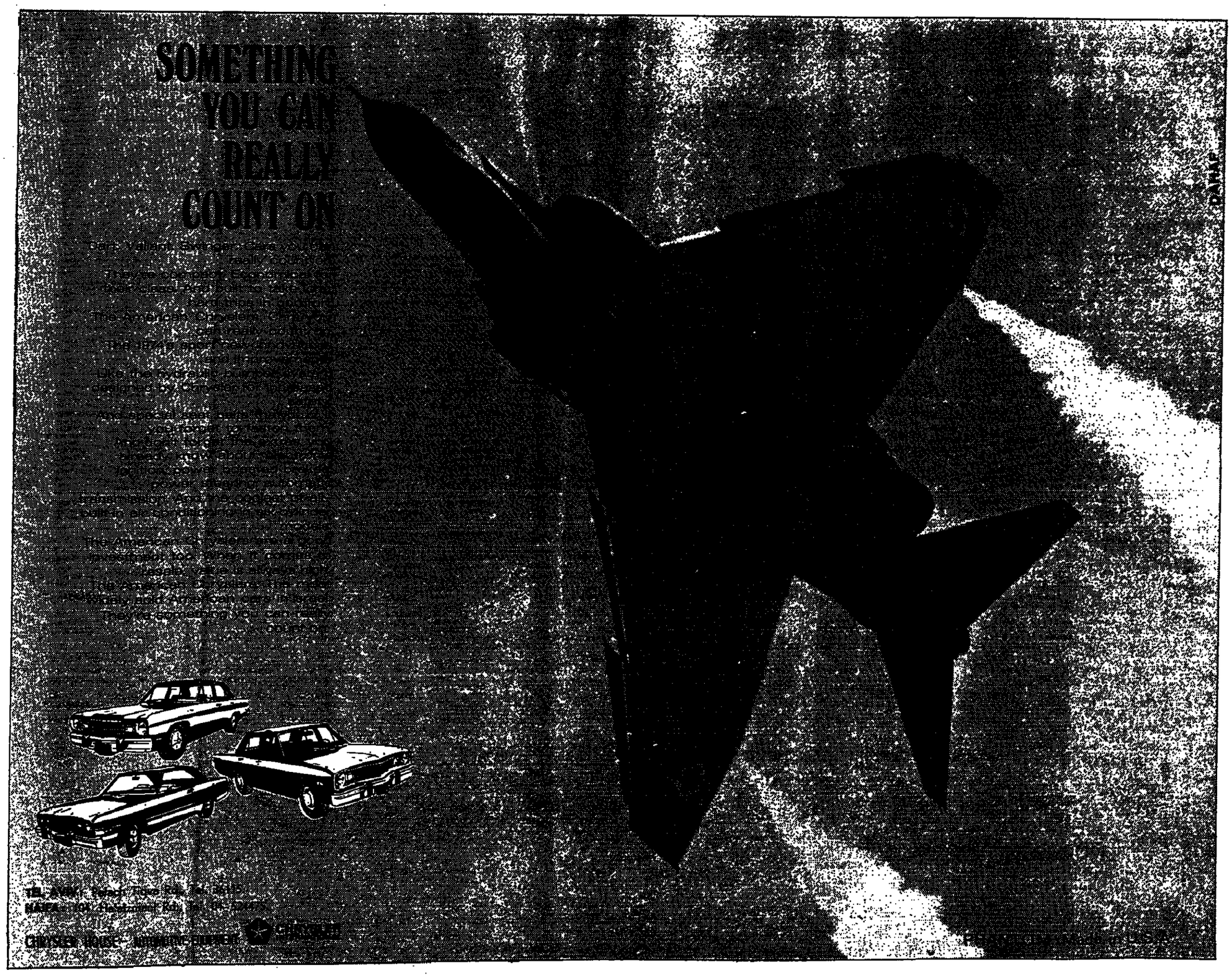

COMEBACK OF UNDERGROUND RAILWAYS

Only solution to commuter chaos

By ANTHONY SAMPSON

MEXICO CITY (Ofns). — ALL over the world the much-abused underground railway has been making a come-back as the only solution to urban congestion and commuter chaos—and now also to the energy crisis. And the most striking new example of the success of an underground (or metro or subway) is not in any of the rich cities of Europe or the United States, but in the teeming metropolis of Mexico.

The shining new Metro of Mexico City is not only efficient and beautiful; it actually makes a profit. Last month a contract was signed to extend its lines further out to the suburbs of this city of eight million people. With its boldness and flare, it has much to teach the shabby old systems of New York, London or Paris.

The idea of the underground was first developed in mid-19th-century London, to avoid the horse-drawn traffic jams of the Victorian city. It was then a heroic innovation, full of daring engineering and elegant cast-iron decorations.

SHABBY AND DESPISED

But the old metropolitan railways became shabby, dirty and despised — and the newest extension in London, the Victoria Line, shows little innovation and hardly any aesthetic sense. The New York subway is a standing disgrace to the richest city in the world. Its fierce rattling trains and filthy platforms are enlivened only by the bright graffiti sprayed on the carriages by enterprising delinquents.

The French have shown more recent inspiration, as for instance in their elegant new Louvre station in Paris. But it is abroad, away from the restrictions of their own capital, that the French engineers have found a fuller challenge, most notably in building the new metros in Montreal and — more spectacularly — in Mexico City.

The secret of the Mexico City Metro is that it treats underground transport not as a regrettable necessity, like sewers or lavatories, but as an exciting extension of the living city and its monuments. It does more than move people: it adds a new dimension to the city above it.

Its success rests on a marriage of French engineers and Mexican designers. The contract for building it was won by the French as part of their drive for trade with Latin America, and the basic concept is unmistakably based on the original Paris Metro. But the old pattern has been brought up to date, with comfortable carriages which glide on rubber wheels, and the Mexican genius for gay design has been exploited to the fullest. The underground spaces and concourses have been used as an opportunity not for pomp and chandeliers, like the Moscow Metro, but for bazaars, exhibitions and even archaeology.

A connection between one metro line and another is not (as in Paris or London) a bleak, windy passage but an underground bazaar with bright stalls on either side, and amongst them an ancient pillar, uncovered in the excavations, is lit up as a showpiece.

One station, the Bellas Artes, which serves the city's exuberant opera house, is a special *tour de force*, a complete underground sculpture gallery, taking the principle of the Louvre station in Paris to its logical extension. The platforms and walls of the station are of polished marble, and along the walls are plausible reproductions of Mayan or Aztec carvings and statues, copied from the vast Mexican national collection. The exhibition continues into the passages and entrances, so that a traveller can acquire an artistic education while he waits.

CHEERFUL PRECINCT

Above ground, the building of the Metro has been the opportunity for re-fashioning some of the messier parts of the city. One station, the Insurgentes, has now become part of a cheerful new pedestrian precinct built in the middle of a busy roundabout of traffic. There is a circle of open-air cafes, loud with trumpets and violins, with passages leading up to the intersecting streets and down to the Metro.

When Mexicans receive foreign politicians and dignitaries in their city, they like to insist that they visit not only the pyramids, the cathedral and the anthropological museum, but also take a ride on the Metro.

The underground journey is often regarded at first as a rather absurd proletarian gesture, but it makes a powerful point to the visitors: that public transport, if imaginatively planned, can appreciably add to the splendour of a city, and that a developing and still half-peasant metropolis can teach the richer nations a good deal about urban civilisation.

62 fugitives 'in' Moroccan trial today

RABAT (Reuter). — The trial opens today of 62 political fugitives charged with trying to overthrow the Moroccan monarchy of King Hassan in an armed uprising last year.

They will be tried in their absence by the military tribunal in Kenitra, 40 km. north of Rabat.

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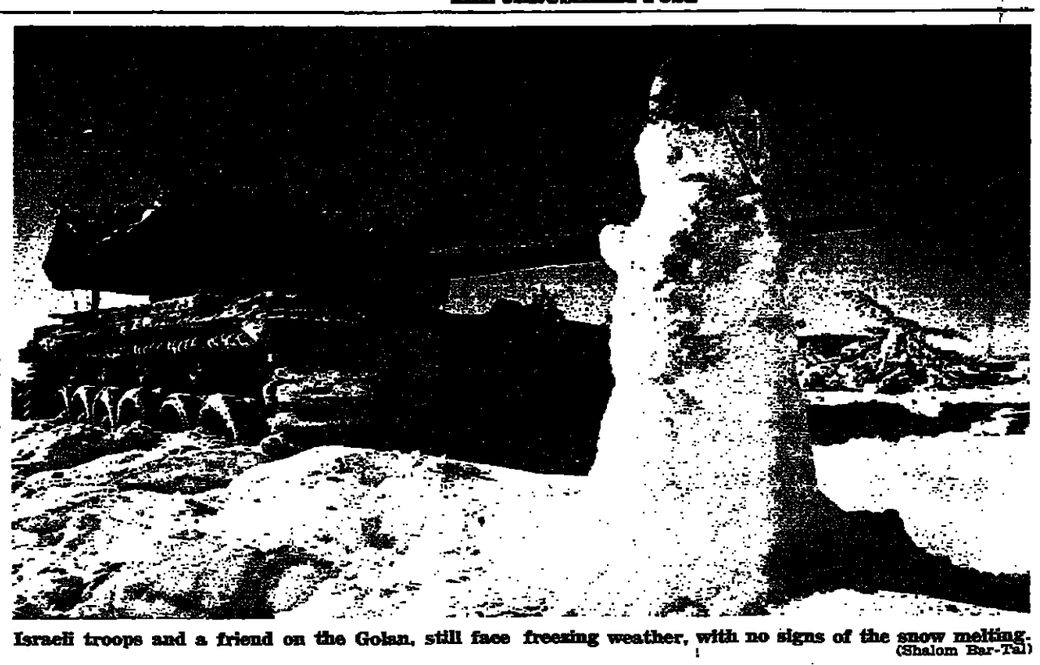

Israeli troops and a friend on the Golan, still face freezing weather, with no signs of the snow melting. (Shalom Bar-Tal)

Despite forgery, Scandinavians say Vikings got to America first

STOCKHOLM (Reuter). — Descendants of the Vikings were defiant yesterday that exposure of the Vinland Map as a forgery does not alter their theory that the Norsemen were the first to discover America.

Experts here contend that the announcement by Yale University that the map, showing details of the territory covered by the Vikings in their first voyages to the new world, was forged does not change a thing: the Vikings got there first.

The discovery of the map in 1957 — it was bought by an American antiquarian from a Barcelona bookseller — revived fierce popular argument on both sides of the Atlantic about who discovered America—the Vikings or Christopher Columbus.

But in fact, Scandinavian antiquarians say, they were always suspicious of the map anyway.

Mr. Helge Ingstad, the Norwegian archaeologist who has carried out intensive excavations at the reputed site of the first Viking settlements in North America, said the map had no bearing on his work. Mr. Ingstad has always argued that the Vinland Map should be subjected to thorough analysis.

A Swedish historian, Sven Ulrik Palme, of Stockholm University, a cousin of Prime Minister Olof Palme, told Reuter: "In my opinion the map was quite impossible to accept because the north coast of Greenland was far too accurately depicted for the time. Only in the 19th century did people begin to know such details of the Greenland coast."

The only way to solve the question whether the Norsemen discovered America was by further archaeological excavations, he said.

From Denmark, Dr. Thorkild Ramskou, curator of the National Museum of Antiquities in Copenhagen, declared that the discovery that the Vinland Map was a fake "doesn't change anything." The best evidence of the Viking journeys to North America, he said, was provided by archaeologists' diggings, from which the descriptions of the Norse sagas could be substantiated.

WORLD CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP

Karpov salvages draw

By ELIAHU SHAHAF
Jerusalem Post Chess Correspondent

Anatoly Karpov managed to extricate himself from a threatening onslaught by Lev Polugayevski and salvage a draw in Moscow on Friday night in their game in the world chess championship.

Rebounding from a defeat Thursday, Polugayevski played aggressively against Karpov's Nimzovich defence and on the 21st move gained a material advantage by taking one of Karpov's rooks in exchange for a bishop. But in doing so, Polugayevski created a slight positional weakness, which Karpov found and exploited.

Soviet grandmaster Yefim Geller, who watched the game, said Karpov's 31st move was the only one that could have stopped the attack. A draw was offered after Polugayevski's 44th move, which would have led to perpetual check of Karpov's king without a possible mating combination.

The other former world champion in the quarter finals, Tigran Petrosian, and Hungarian grandmaster Lajos Portisch, playing in Majorca, have yet to win a game. All four games so far were drawn.

Huge gates at British soccer

LONDON (Reuter). — The fourth round of the English F.A. Cup wound up yesterday with three disappointing goalless draws and a surprisingly big win for Nottingham Forest over Manchester City.

The win brought Forest a fifth round home clash with Portsmouth or Orient, who finished on even terms mainly as a result of brilliant goalkeeping by Orient's Ray Goddard.

The other cup draws were between Coventry and Derby — fighting for the right to meet Queen's Park Rangers — and Everton and West Bromwich Albion, for whom the target is a meeting in the next round with Newcastle or Fourth Division Scunthorpe.

On a day of mammoth gates — 168,000 watched the four cup ties — Everton had the biggest, pulling in 53,509, Sunday soccer's highest turn-out so far.

In the only First Division game of the day, a penalty goal 10 minutes from time by former England striker Geoff Hurst gave Stoke a 1-0 win over Chelsea.

Results: English Football Association Cup, Fourth Round Coventry City 0, Derby County 0, Everton 0, West Bromwich Albion 0, Nottingham Forest 4, Manchester City 1, Portsmouth 0, Orient 0.

Brezhnev off to Cuba today

MOSCOW (Reuter). — Communist Party chief Leonid Brezhnev flies to Cuba today on a visit aimed at demonstrating Kremlin approval of the country's rapidly-growing integration into the Soviet political and economic orbit.

His visit, expected to last till February 3, comes at a time when Cuban leader Fidel Castro is reshaping home and foreign policy along Soviet-approved lines, after putting aside ideological differences with Moscow — though he has retained bitter antagonism towards Washington.

Mr. Brezhnev's trip, though postponed for a month, has been hailed in advance by both sides as "a joyful and historic event... that will demonstrate the ever-strengthening friendship between our parties and peoples."

2,000 leave homes in Brisbane flood

BRISBANE (Reuter). — Two thousand people were evacuated yesterday from their homes in a flood-devastated Brisbane, where at least five people have died in 48 hours.

In that time, up to midnight on Saturday, a massive 29.6 cms. deluge had caused $20m. damage in Brisbane alone and the city is now paralysed. In the adjoining flood-hit state of New South Wales, property losses were put at $100m., with more than one million cattle and sheep lost.

Brisbane has been declared an emergency area with the city's 800,000 people fighting the worst floods this century — and it is still raining.

Back in 1962, JFK man had quit-Vietnam plan

....and the Russians would leave Cuba

WALTHAM Mass. (UPI). — An adviser to President John Kennedy devised a plan in 1962 to have Russia withdraw quietly from Cuba while the U.S. slipped out of Vietnam.

French President Charles de Gaulle was to act as the power-broker in the deal.

According to the plan, drawn up by one of Kennedy's White House advisers, twin problems were getting Russia "out of Cuba without going to war ourselves, and to get ourselves out of Vietnam without inducing a collapse into Communism there in the Chinese pattern."

The two-page "observations on Vietnam and Cuba" are in the President's office files, opened to the public at the Kennedy library last week.

The unsigned document said: "The Cuban adventure has now become a one-sided drain on Soviet resources which Khrushchev would like to get out of but cannot..."

Referring apparently to American casualties and to growing disenchantment with South Vietnamese President Ngo Dinh Diem, the report said: "Our costly effort in South Vietnam grows increasingly aimless but we cannot get out largely because of the adverse implications to U.S. international prestige *vis-a-vis* Communism and to U.S. domestic politics."

The report further assumed that, given the opportunity, the Hanoi Government would take advice from Moscow before taking it from Peking, and "De Gaulle is interested in an opportunity to recoup French prestige in Vietnam."

The assumptions, the report said, "suggest a convergence of U.S.-Russian-French interests which may create an opportunity for a triple-diplomatic play."

The report suggested these steps:

- "To bring about a Russian withdrawal from Cuba for which our policies could obtain a good share of the credit.
- "To encourage a French mediatory effort as de Gaulle apparently believes himself capable of executing) between North and South Vietnam...
- "To withdraw U.S. forces and material aid, not in catastrophic haste, but in an orderly progressive fashion from South Vietnam — a withdrawal to which Khrushchev could point to vindicate his policies as superior to those of Peking, even in Asia.

"We would not look so bad at home or abroad withdrawing from Vietnam," the report concluded, "if, at about the same time, the Russians were withdrawing from Cuba and vice versa, and de Gaulle would get the glory of a solution in Vietnam along with the headaches."

22 BOMB BLASTS IN ARGENTINA

BUENOS AIRES (AP). — The wave of political violence in Argentina escalated yesterday as 22 bombs exploded in various parts of the country. One injury was reported.

Most of the attacks were directed against headquarters of the radical Peronist Youth. According to police, a bazooka was used in one of the attacks to demolish the facade of one of the buildings. A woman was injured by falling debris.

The daily newspaper "Noticias," which is orientated towards the Peronist Youth, said the attacks were carried out by "ultra-rightwingers."

President Peron announced meanwhile that he would meet with all the provincial governors soon to give precise instructions on carrying out a national campaign against terrorism in Argentina.

Peron has issued a series of warnings aimed at terrorists — especially the Marxist group known as the People's Revolutionary Army, which attacked an army garrison last week and killed the base commander, his wife and an army private.

In the wake of the attack, a penal code law was pushed through Congress which gives the government sweeping powers to combat crimes of violence and kidnapping.

Quarter of Reps. would like Nixon to resign

WASHINGTON (UPI). — One in eight Congressmen is ready to vote to impeach President Nixon and almost twice as many would like to see him resign, a UPI survey showed.

The survey, conducted late last week, shows that by far the largest number of Congressmen are undecided on whether Nixon should be impeached, and feel the question of resignation is the President's to answer, not theirs.

UPI reached 402 of the 431 (there are four vacancies) House members or top aides allowed to speak for them.

The survey showed that 55 now favour Nixon's impeachment; 87 do not; 182 are undecided; and 74 declined to comment.

The poll disclosed that 89 favour resignation; 139 do not; 48 are undecided; and 126 declined to comment.

Sadat releases 'spy' journalist

BEIRUT (AP). — Amustafa Amin, a top Egyptian journalist serving a life term on charges of spying for the American Central Intelligence Agency (CIA), will be released from jail, the Middle East News Agency reported yesterday.

The order for Amin's release was issued by President Anwar Sadat, the agency said. Amin was arrested in the summer of 1965 and was later convicted of spying against Egypt for the CIA. He was sentenced to life imprisonment with hard labour.

He spent nearly seven years in the Tora Prison on the outskirts of Cairo. Later he was transferred to a hospital for treatment of diabetes and high blood pressure.

Amin, 59, and his twin brother Aly, founded the Akhbar el Yom publishing house in the early 1940s and published two weekly magazines, before they were nationalized by the late President Gamal Abdel Nasser in 1959.

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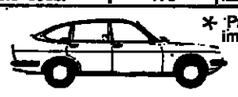

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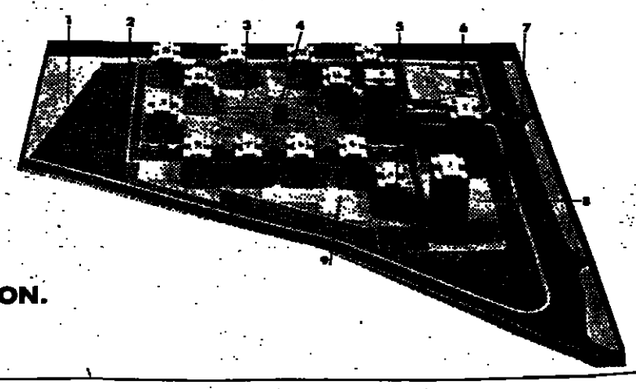

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VIETNAM FIGHTS ON AFTER YEAR OF CEASE-FIRE

SAIGON. — The first anniversary of the Vietnam agreement, which brought an official cease-fire but failed to stop the fighting, went completely unheralded in South Vietnam yesterday.

Fighting continued yesterday, and the Military Command reported 40 Communist troops killed and 40 government soldiers killed or wounded in continuing scattered clashes in the Mekong Delta.

Official South Vietnamese figures show a total of more than 130,000 soldiers and civilians of both sides killed, wounded or missing since the cease-fire began a year ago.

The government of President Nguyen Van Thieu has never publicly put much faith in the final cease-fire document it signed in Paris under considerable American pressure.

Repeating a slogan it has broadcast for several days already Saigon Radio said yesterday: "The experience of the past year has proved that no international treaty or agreement can guarantee our peace."

The Vietcong said on Friday that although American combat troops had been withdrawn from Vietnam, the U.S. had "increased military aid to the clique of (South Vietnamese President) Nguyen Van Thieu and illegally and massively introduced into South Vietnam hundreds of thousand of tons of armaments, munitions and war material..."

Of the major provisions signed in Paris last year after four years of negotiations and the deaths of hundreds of thousands, only those dealing with U.S. withdrawal and the return of American prisoners have been carried out.

The major violation has been the continued fighting.

As to the rest of the accords, the major breaches are:

- The constant shifting of forces despite agreement to remain in place, and the failure of a joint North-South Military Commission to determine the areas controlled by each party.
- The failure of the two sides to complete prisoner exchanges and the refusal of the Communists to provide sufficient security for search teams looking for the remains of missing Americans.
- The continued infiltration of North Vietnamese troops into the south and a major resupply effort by Hanoi, including at least 500 tanks, about 500 artillery weapons and 800 anti-aircraft guns.

U.S. officials estimate current North Vietnamese strength below the demilitarised zone at nearly 200,000 men.

- A lack of agreement on setting up the National Council of National Reconciliation and Concord. Talks between South and North Vietnam near Paris on this issue have been continuing without result during the last year.

This council was to organise free and democratic general elections.

- The unceasing North Vietnamese use of Cambodia as a supply route and staging area.

U.S. officials generally support Saigon's charge that Hanoi has shown little interest in moving toward a real settlement. Nevertheless, the U.S. has been cautious in making strong, public criticism of Hanoi and its Vietcong allies.

Under the Paris agreement, North Vietnam agreed to refrain from using Cambodian and Laotian territory "to encroach on the sovereignty and security" of South Vietnam.

But U.S. intelligence says supply-laden trucks have been rolling in long lines from North Vietnam through Laos into South Vietnam over a road network that North Vietnamese engineers have been converting into an all-weather, dual-lane system.

About 180 miles of road have been built, resurfaced and widened so far, and U.S. sources forecast it will be the most advanced road network in Indo-China. When it is finished, they say, supply trucks will be able to make the north-south run through Laos in less than a day, compared to weeks in the past, when the Ho Chi Minh trail was a dirt track under constant U.S. air attack.

According to the latest Pentagon figures, there are only 219 U.S. officers and enlisted men there. Included are 50 assigned to the embassy's defence attache office, 14 serving with a joint military group set up to resolve cease-fire disputes, and 155 marines guarding the embassy in Saigon. *(AP, UPI, Reuter)*

Rebels 'filter into Phnom Penh'

PHNOM PENH (Reuter). — People fleeing the heaviest artillery barrage against Phnom Penh since the beginning of the Cambodian war said yesterday that insurgents had entered the outskirts of the city and abducted a number of people.

The target area of the artillery raid was a crowded housing area around the private residence of President Lon Nol. The fleeing residents told correspondents they had seen more than one hundred casualties in burning homes or on the streets.

Military police, who were unable to say immediately how many people had been killed or wounded, said 117 rounds of 105 mm. shells were fired during the two-hour assault.

There was no official confirmation of the reports that insurgents had entered the capital under cover of the barrage.

WEST GERMANY AND IRAN END COOPERATION TALKS

Oil: France has 'right to go it alone'

KUWAIT. — French Foreign Minister Michel Jobert said yesterday that the world energy crisis could be solved on a collective basis, "but each country has the right to work unilaterally to ensure its oil requirements."

Jobert arrived here yesterday from three days of talks in Saudi Arabia, which he said were "a new step on the road of cooperation" between France and Saudi Arabia. He is spending 36 hours in Kuwait, and will fly to Damascus for a 24-hour visit later today.

Political sources said Jobert's discussions in Kuwait might cover prospects for bartering arms, heavy industrial machinery and technical know-how for oil.

Riyadh radio, speaking of Jobert's visit to Saudi Arabia, said a committee would be set up to supervise future cooperation between the two countries. Jobert and his Saudi counterpart, Omar Sakkaf, would jointly head the committee.

Meanwhile, in St Moritz, Switzerland, Iran and West Germany yesterday ended a round of top-level talks here on economic cooperation including plans for West Germany to build the world's biggest oil refinery at Bushire, Southern Iran.

During a brief 24-hour visit, West German Economics Minister Hans Friderichs had talks with the Shah of Iran, who is on holiday at St Moritz. They discussed 22 joint industrial projects in preparation for a full-scale bilateral conference on industrial cooperation in Iran in May. These included the supply of natural gas to West Germany and the building of steel, textile and heavy engineering undertakings in Iran.

Dr. Friderichs told reporters that the aim of West Germany's negotiations with Iran was joint industrial cooperation and was quite different from the deal negotiated here last week between Britain and Iran under which Britain will get extra supplies of oil in return for raw materials.

A West German spokesman said the Bonn Government agreed with the European Common Market's External Affairs Commissioner, Sir Christopher Soames, that a scramble for oil by individual countries would be dangerous and disruptive. *(UPI, AP, Reuters)*

KUWAIT OIL FOR AUCTION

KUWAIT (Reuter). — Kuwait's Oil Minister, Abdel-Rahman al-Atiqi, has confirmed that his country is to auction 475,000 barrels of its oil daily for a six-month period from March to August.

Just under one-sixth of Kuwait's normal output, the oil will be offered to companies on condition it is not channelled to the U.S. or Holland, currently under total Arab oil embargoes.

In the Gulf area, only Iran has previously staged such auctions, fetching unprecedented prices.

The Kuwait Oil Minister, commenting on press reports in London, also confirmed that instructions had been passed to the oil companies here to increase exports to Britain, considered a friendly state by the Arabs.

Italian F.M. due in Cairo

CAIRO (AP). — Italian Foreign Minister Aldo Moro is due to arrive in Cairo today for a one-day visit and talks with Egyptian leaders on bilateral relations and the Middle East problem, Italian Embassy officials said yesterday.

Cairo asks Paris for help

CAIRO (AP). — Egypt is asking France to make a major capital and technical investment for reconstruction of the Suez Canal area, the Cairo press reported yesterday.

Egyptian Finance Minister Abdel Aziz Hegazy told a French economic delegation on Saturday that France should invest in a major project "so that the meaning of Arab-French friendship may be strengthened."

Hegazy said Egypt had accepted 50 out of 170 applications from Arab and foreign investors to take part in reconstruction effort, according to the reports.

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HEATH SAID DETERMINED NOT TO YIELD

Threat of two-day week if miners go on strike

LONDON (UPI). — The government said yesterday that a threatened national coal shutdown may put Britain's industry onto a two-day or even one-day work week.

Britain has been on a three-day week since December 31 as a result of a slow-down by mineworkers.

"The situation would be very serious indeed," Energy Secretary Lord Carrington said. "We should not be on a three-day week any longer but on a two-day week or something very much less."

He said the conflict then might reach a point where there is sufficient power only to maintain vital services like hospitals and sewage.

About 70 per cent of Britain's electricity is coal-produced.

Prime Minister Edward Heath has meanwhile drafted emergency measures against threats by militant coal miners to blockade power stations and mobilize ten million workers in a general strike to support a national mines shutdown.

The Mineworkers' Union has ordered 269,000 coal miners to vote Thursday and Friday on the possibility of a national strike to back their demand for a 30 to 35 per cent pay rise. The National Coal Board has offered 16.5 per cent.

Mineworkers' Union General-Secretary Lawrence Daly said the walk-out would start on February 10 if the miners gave the go-ahead. Union president Joe Gormley predicted a 70 per cent "yes" vote.

Heath conferred with aides over the weekend on the crisis. Government officials said he is determined not to yield and is digging in for a shut-down that may last months.

They said police and, if necessary, troops would be mobilized to break up the threatened mass picketing of power stations.

Political informants said the mounting industrial crisis and the threat of violence might force Heath to seek a new mandate in a general election soon.

PROTESTANTS WARN OF NEW TERROR

Violence the only way, say Ulster extremists

BELFAST (UPI). — Protestant extremist groups said yesterday that they would begin a bomb-and-bullets campaign to wreck the Northern Ireland power-sharing executive.

Until now, the extremist groups have let Protestant politicians try to disband the executive by political means, but a spokesman for one of the groups said the efforts of the politicians had failed, and violence was the only way left.

Last week's walk-out by Protestant politicians from the Northern Ireland Executive has not halted its operation.

The extremist spokesman said:

"Once a military campaign is started it will continue until the loyalist politicians who were barred from the Sunningdale talks (tripartite talks held last year between Britain, Ireland and some Northern Irish representatives) are brought to the discussions, and positive steps are made to restore democracy to government in Northern Ireland."

In Dublin, the outlawed Irish Republican Army (IRA) said yesterday it had established links with foreign governments. An IRA leader, David O'Connell, declined, however, to name the governments which were helping in the campaign of violence in Northern Ireland.

"All I will say is that the republican movement has built up relations with many organizations throughout the world," O'Connell said in an interview with an Irish Sunday newspaper, "Sunday World."

"We do have the ear of certain governments. We do not state which governments are involved — it is up to the particular governments to state openly what exactly their position is toward Ireland," O'Connell said.

O'Connell, on the run himself from security forces of both sides of the border, said "Our chief aim is to bring it home to the British Government that British rule in Northern Ireland cannot function."

Japanese condemn

AMMAN (AFP). — A special Japanese emissary, Zantaro Kosaka, said here yesterday that Japan condemns "Israeli aggression" against the Arab states and Israel's "continued occupation of Arab land."

Before departing from the Jordanian capital, Kosaka invited King Hussein and Crown Prince Hassan to visit Japan. He said it was essential to bring about a "just and durable" peace in the Middle East as soon as possible. His government supported all U.N. Security Council resolutions, he added.

'Pravda' charges 'Chinese hoax'

MOSCOW (UPI). — Peking's expulsion of five Soviet diplomats for alleged espionage was a "hoax" aimed at stirring up anti-Soviet sentiment in China, "Pravda" said yesterday.

The Communist Party newspaper also said that last week's expulsions demonstrated that Peking "is not interested in showing readiness to normalize Soviet-Chinese relations."

Calling the expulsions — the first since 1967 — a "hoax with provocative purposes," "Pravda" went on to say the incident was aimed at "invigorating the anti-Soviet psychosis in the country that is being artificially fanned up by the Maoists."

Two terrorists in Greece 'going to Libya soon'

BEIRUT (AP). — The terrorist command is conducting negotiations with the Greek Embassy here for the release of two terrorists sentenced to death in Greece last week, the newspaper "An Nahar" reported yesterday.

The terrorist leadership, the paper said, has received assurances from Athens for the release of the two men whose raid last August on Athens Airport resulted in the death of five persons and the wounding of 45.

In return for the release, the terrorists pledged to abstain from any operations on Greek territory in the future, the paper said.

The two terrorists are to be flown to Libya shortly, "An Nahar" added.

The cost of keeping the franc afloat

PARIS (UPI). — The French authorities had to spend $400m. to $500m. last week in an effort to prevent the newly-floating franc from dropping too low on exchange markets, informed sources said yesterday.

The government will have to decide soon whether it can afford losing its reserve to the tune of $80m. to $100m. a day to prop up the value of the franc, the sources said.

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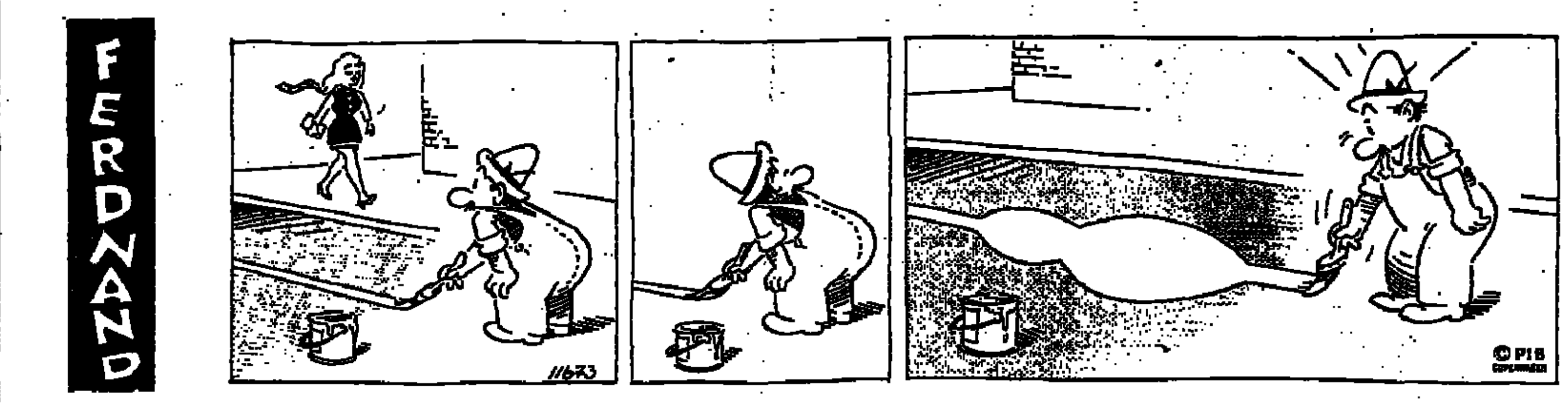

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TEL AVIV
(4.30, 7.15, 9.30)

ALLENBY: Charley Varrick; **BEN YEHUDA:** The Beach of the War Gods; **CINEMA ONE:** Judge Roy Bean. **CINERAMA:** Battle of the Giants; **CHEN:** The Bigamist; **RAMA:** Cleopatra Jones; **DEKEL:** Soul to Soul; **EDEN:** Doraha; **ESTHER:** Blume in Love; **DRIVE-IN CINEMA:** On the Run, Madron. Sat. Night. Klute; **GAT:** Pete N' Tillie; **GORDON:** Le Grand Blond Avec Une Chaussure Noire; **HOD:** Westworld; **LIMOR:** Steelyard Blues; **MAXIM:** What they did to Solange; **MOGRABI:** The Stone Killer; **ORDAN:** Guess what we learned in school today; **OPHIR:** Coffy; **ORLY:** I'll Cry Tomorrow; **PEER:** Malizia; **PARIS:** Man in the Wilderness; **RAMAT AVIV:** The Last Picture Show; Tues. 4.30 Monsters attack the earth; **STUDIO:** The Forbidden, Decameron; **TCHELET:** Ovel; **TEL AVIV:** Gordon's War; **ZAFON:** The Heartbreak Kid.

RAMAT GAN

ARMON: The Canterbury Tales; **HADAR:** Judge Roy Bean; **LILI:** Jeremiah Johnson; **OASIS:** Four Flies on Grey Velvet; **ORDEA:** A man to respect; **RAMA:** Cleopatra Jones; **RAMAT GAN:** The Mackintosh Man.

HERZLIYA

DAVID: The Red Sun.

PETAH TIKVA

SHALOM: Redneck. Atom the Monster.

HAIFA
(4.00, 7.00, 9.00)

AMPHITHEATRE: Decameron 69; **ARMON:** Want so Much; **ATZMON:** Even Angels; **BEIT ROTHSCHILD:** Histoires Extraordinaires, Sun. Boy Friend. Thurs. Sacre Grand Pere; **CHEN:** Decameron 2; **MIRON:** Golden Tiger; **MORIAH:** Kazabian; **ORAH:** The Mackintosh; **ORDAN:** Le Gendarme. se Marie; **ORION:** Godfather of Harlem; **ORLY:** Le Grand Blonde; **PEER:** The Senator Likes Women; **RON:** Class of 44; **SHAVIT:** Subterfuge.

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2nd Programme: News: Every hour on the hour, except 7 and 8 p.m. and 4 a.m. Newsreels: 7.05 a.m., 1.05 p.m., and 11.05 p.m.
Galei Zahal: News: Every hour on the hour. Newsreels: 8.05 a.m., 12.05 and 5.05 p.m. and 12.05 a.m.

FIRST PROGRAMME
256, 522 and 231 M.

7.58 a.m. Opening. 8.05 "Musical Delicacies" — Locatelli: Concerto in F-major ("I Solisti Veneti", Conductor: Claudio Scimone); Mozart: String Quartet in D-major, K. 499 (The Bulgarian Quartet); Vaughan-Williams: Fantasy on a Theme by Thomas Tallis (Conductor: Dimitri Mitropoulos); Poulenc: Sonata for Trumpet, Horn and Trombone (L. Menardi, L. Thevet, G. Masson). 9.05 "Choirs" — Pieces by Leos Janacek. 9.55 English News. 10.05 "Recital" (Second Broadcast) — Josef Kalichstein (Piano). Schubert: Sonata in A-major (Op. Posth.); Mendelssohn: Variations serieuses. 10.55 French News. 11.00 News in Easy Hebrew. 11.05 Ivrit La'am. 11.15 Programmes for Elementary Schools. 12.05 Song and Melody. 12.15 Programmes for Elementary Schools 12.35 "Midday Concert" — Couperin: Concerto for two Celli. 1.05 "At Midday." 1.25 "Midday concert" (cont.) Chopin: Piano Concerto No. 1 (Soloist: Andre Watts); Johann Strauss: Polka. 2.10 Mother and Child. 3.05 "Pre-Classical Music" Handel: Passacaglia from "Rodrigo" (Conductor: Charles Groves); Telemann: Concerto in E-major for Flute, Oboe d'amore, Viola, Strings and Continuo (The Zagreb Soloists); Scarlatti: Sonata for Strings ("Zagreb Soloists"); Vivaldi: Magnificat (Conductor: Roger Wagner). 4.05 A Moment of Hebrew. 4.06 Book Review. 4.10 Literature — Questions and Answers. 4.30 Musical Quiz (Second Broadcast). Produced by Avi Hanani. 5.05 "Soiree Musicale" with Uzi Wiesel (Cello) and Pnina Salzman (Piano). Brahms: Sonata in E-minor, opus 38; Noam Sheriff "Viduy," for Cello Solo; Debussy: Sonata for Cello and Piano. 6.05 "Eshnab." 6.50 French News. 6.55 For the Farmer. 7.05 Bible Reading: Yeshayahu, chaps. 57 and 58. 8.05 "Opera" (Stereo) — Ravel: "L'heure Espagnole" (Conductor: Lorin Maazel) Donizetti: "The Daughter of the Regiment" (Conductor: Arturo Basile). Producer — Yehuda Cohen. 11.05 "Tonight." 11.25 "Radio-story". 12.20 A Moment of Poetry. 12.23 Close Down. 2.05-5.00 Songs and Tunes. 5.05-8.00 Same as second programme.

SECOND PROGRAMME
457, 423, 256, 249, 355 and 340.5 M.

5.05 Songs and Tunes. 5.55 a.m. Religious Service. 6.05 Exercises. 6.15 Musical Clock. 6.55 Programme Announcements. 6.59 A Moment of Hebrew. 7.05 This Morning. 7.25 "Hebrew Songs." 7.55 "Green Light." 8.05 Announcements. 8.10 "Good Morning." 8.55 Names and Events in the Headlines. 9.05 "Good Morning" (cont.). 10.05 "Here at Home." 11.40 Where to go and light music. 12.05 Programme for the Worker and the Employer. 12.30 "Smile" — Songs and Sketches. 1.05 At Midday. 1.25 Hebrew Songs. 2.05 This is Rivka Michaeli. 3.05 Popular Music. 3.53 Encore — ed. by S. Rozen. 4.05 A Moment of Hebrew. 4.06 Hebrew Hit Parade. 4.30 S. Rosen's Quiz. 4.35 Hit Parade (cont.). 6.05 Hit Parade (cont.). 6.45 Today's sport. 6.55 Announcements. 9.05 "Once More." 10.05 "Till Midnight" — with Eliyahu Slonim 11.05 "Tonight." 11.25 "Till Midnight" (cont.). 12.05-3.00 Songs and Tunes.

FIFTH PROGRAMME
445 M.

6.58 Opening. 7.00 News. 7.25 Song and Melody. 8.00 News. 8.05 Song and Melody.

IMMIGRANTS' HOUR
457, 423, 256, 249, 355 and 340.5 M.

7.00 p.m. News in easy Hebrew. Ivrit La'am. 7.15 Georgian. 7.30 Yiddish. 8. Ladino 8.15 Mograbi. 8.30 Rumanian. 8.45 Russian. 9.30 Close Down.

ISRAEL TELEVISION SERVICE

5.30 News. 5.32 "Pompon." 5.40 High Schools Songs Festival. 8.00 Youth Magazine. 8.30 Mabat. 9.00 Colombo. 10.15 Documentary — "America". 11.05 News. 11.15 Service Broadcast.
Educational: 7.50 Biology 9. 8.15 English 6. 9.05 Maths 6. 9.25 Electricity 8. 10.00 Biology 9. 10.20 English 5. 11.05 Advice and Guidance 7. 11.25 Geometry 8. 12.00 Biology 10. 12.20 Science Physics 7. 12.40 Literature 2-5. 1.00 Biology 9. 1.25 Science 6. 1.40 A Meeting with Aharon Meged. 2.10 Electricity 10. 4.00 A Page from a Book. 4.10 English 8. 4.17 Film. 4.45 Film. 5.00 Art.
Arabic: 6.30 News. 6.32 Sport. 7.17 Projector. 7.27 Programme Review. 7.30 News.

ENGLISH NEWS AND PROGRAMMES

7.00 a.m. (4th programme and short waves): 9.55 a.m. (1st programme):
1.30-2.00 p.m. (4th programme and short waves);
2.00-2.30 p.m. (4th programme and short waves);
5.55 p.m. (1st programme);
8.30-8.45 p.m. (4th programme):
10.00-10.45 p.m. (short waves).

FRENCH NEWS AND PROGRAMMES

7.15 a.m. (4th programme and short waves);
10.55 a.m. (1st programme);
2.00-2.30 p.m. (4th Programme and short waves);
6.50 p.m. (1st programme);
8.45-9.00 p.m. (4th programme);
12.00-1.00 a.m. (short waves).
1st Programme — 522, 256 and 231 M.
4th Programme — 407, 445 and 292 M.
3rd Programme (Short Waves) — 16, 19, 25, 31, 33, 41 and 49 M.

GALEI ZAHAL

6.05 Early Morning Tunes — Greetings. 6.55 To soldiers and their families. 7. Morning Tunes (cont.). 7.55 Programme Trailer. 8.05 Zahal's Newsreel. 8.20 Requests. 10.55 "One Moment" — with Nathan Donewitz. 11.05 Warm and Tasty. 11.55 Ori Dvir's Corner. 12.05 Zahal Newsreel. 12.30 Warm and Tasty. 1. Yoseph Lapid's Corner. 1.35 Warm and Tasty. 1.55 Announcements. 2.05 Light Entertainment with Mani Peer and Shmuel Amit. 2.30 Quiz. 2.57 Programme Trailer. 3.05 "3-4-5" — with Shmuel Shai and Ehud Graf. 5.05 Zahal's Newsreel. 5.40 Tunes for Everybody — greetings. 6.05 "Personal File." 7.05 Foreign Hit Parade. 9.05 "By Request." 10. "Tonight" — with Edna Shavit. 11. Midnight Talk. 12.05 Zahal's Newsreel. 12.30 "Night Birds" — with Uri Loi and Pnina Bat-Zvi. 3.05-6.00 "Tunes for the Night."

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EASY PUZZLE

ACROSS
1 Rely on (5)
6 Mean person (5)
9 Regulate (7)
10 Protective wear (5)
11 S. American animal (5)
12 Sobs (5)
13 Genuine (7)
15 Number (3)
17 Forest growth (4)
18 Taken illegally (6)
19 Donkeys (5)
20 Begs (6)
22 Was plural (4)
24 Form of address (3)
25 Wanted greatly (7)
26 Not brave (5)
27 Casts amorous glances (5)
28 Fish (5)
29 More than a few (7)
30 Legal documents (5)
31 Unwanted plants (5)

DOWN
2 Mend (6)
3 Candle holder (6)
4 Weight (3)
5 Look fixedly (5)
6 Annoys (7)
7 Afflictions (4)
8 Fur (6)
12 Vegetable (5)
13 Ceases (5)
14 On no occasion (5)
15 More aged (5)
16 Terminated (5)
18 Stitched (5)
19 Recommends (7)
21 Hang about (6)
22 Shellfish (6)
23 Reposed (6)
25 Under-water worker (5)
26 Exam (4)
28 Carpentry tool (3)

CRYPTIC PUZZLE

ACROSS
1 Sailor in a great success, as is the custom (5)
6 Girl to travel in the country (5)
9 Flipping cruel hero? (3-4)
10 He's able to get ahead in church (5)
11 Jog sound (5)
12 Glossy film centre in heavenly surroundings (5)
13 So treated, many get angry (7)
15 Girl of seven (3)
17 Masculine growl from Fritz (4)
18 Ravel's composition for an animal (6)
19 Is mad to become king (5)
20 Coin with a vaguely foreign sound (6)
22 Somewhat astringent churchman (4)
24 Much changed in the RAF (3)
25 Continue mocking the town (7)
26 Sculptor never seen without a stick? (5)
27 He's a card! (5)
28 Clear Roman numerals (5)
29 Set about a chap for being a red (7)
30 Maigret always hides her (5)
31 American area mostly turned blue (5)

DOWN
2 Indian who raises his cap (6)
3 I thus keep out of line (6)
4 One-nil for a time (3)
5 Paid out pounds for material (5)
6 Aren't their shells really seaworthy? (7)
7 Commonly halved in unique fashion (4)
8 General name for a city (6)
12 How Stein became established (3, 2)
13 Miller's fan? (5)
14 More than two rights or one wrong (5)
15 It happens to be still at the location (5)
16 The Spanish have a name for her (5)
18 Devil who made the Brownshirts brown (5)
19 Where to make an iron cam (7)
21 Do their policies work? (6)
22 Offer to entertain (6)
23 Lady bareback rider (6)
25 Rows that lead to tears, we hear (5)
26 Inactivity in fire stations (4)
28 His patients never say a word (3)

Friday's Easy Solution

ACROSS.—3. Cache. 8. After. 10. Order. 11. Fig. 12. Belie. 13. Denudes. 15. Scrap. 18. Let. 19. Utters. 21. Canters. 22. Liar. 23. Fill. 24. Archaic. 26. Unless. 29. Inn. 31. Deeds. 32. Antenna. 34. Germs. 35. Sot. 36. Green. 37. Aster. 38. Stink.
DOWN.—1. Offer. 2. Regular. 4. Aces. 5. Hoists. 6. Erect. 7. Debar. 9. Tin. 12. Betters. 14. Den. 16. Relic. 17. Psalm. 19. Urchins. 20. Aloud. 21. Cable. 23. Finesse. 24. Assent. 25. Ant. 27. Nears. 28. Edges. 30. Enter. 32. Amen. 33. Not.

Friday's Cryptic Solution

ACROSS — 3. Trips. 8. Wag-on. 10. Eking. 11. Gay. 12. Maori. 13. Push-kin. 15. Me-R-it. 18. Oil. 19. Airily. 21. Fend-ant. 22. Reed. 23. Mete. 24. Platter. 26. Laddie. 29. Hen. 31. Start. 32. Tendril. 34. Amour. 35. Ian. 36. Gamma (Ray's). 37. Upper. 38. An-Des.
DOWN. — 1. V-ague. 2. Boyhood. 4. Roan. 5. Perm-it. 6. Skier. 7. Anvil. 9. Gas. 12. Mild ale. 14. Kin. 16. River. 17. (Mary) Tyler (Moore). 19. A.N.-Other. 20. Urals. 21. Fend-s. 23. Mendips. 24. Pitman. 25. Ten. 27. Atlas. 28. Dram-a. 30. Finer. 32. Tub-E. 33. E-ap.

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TEL AVIV STOCKS

Index-linked bonds go up

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Index-linked bonds rose yesterday, some by as much as four points. Financial circles say the two main reasons for this were the announcement that many subsidies will be reduced, which will cause prices to rise with an accompanying rise in index-linked bonds, and secondly, the "weekend devaluation jitters" have passed (at least for the present). Investors think their best bet is index-linked bonds.

The general index of share prices fell by 0.85 per cent to stand at 145.60.

The passing of the "devaluation jitters" also caused some $708,000 to come pouring into the stock market, and this forced the Natad dollar down by eight agora to IL4.91. The turnover was only $67,500.

Stocks fell as a rule. IDB lost .5 to stand at 166.5 (60,000 turnover); Wolfson-Clore-Mayer IL10 lost 0.5 to 90.5 (28,000); and Clal Investment remained firm at 180, despite a turnover of 26,000.

The turnover in stocks was IL1,278,000: of this, some IL236,000 was in the variables. This is the first time that there have been variables (i.e., a second round of trading at which prices are not based on opening round prices but vary according to demand and supply) since the war started. Interest in the variables, financial circles said, was "weak."

The paper mills in Hadera have announced that their gross profits for the six-month period ending September 30, 1973, stood at IL19,324,619, as compared to IL 14,373,515 in the comparative period the year before. After taxes, the net profits were IL6,112,016 (IL4,876,266 the previous year.)

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DEBENTURES LINKED TO THE DOLLAR			
% Dead Sea Junior	r	284.2	246
% Electric Corp. A	r	137.5	167.5
% Electric Corp. B.	r	150.0	149.8
LINKED to the C.o.L. INDEX (Principal & Interest)			
Clita 1965, Index 110.1	b	258.4	254.4
Mitahon 1968, Series 41	b	107.7	107.7
Mitahon 1969, Series 41	b	210.0	205.2
COMMERCIAL BANKS & BANKHOLDING COMPANIES			
Otzar Hityashvut	r	228	233.5
I.D.B. pref.	r	206	210
I.D.B. Bankholding	r	166.5	170
Union Bank	r	279	280
Israel British Bank	b	291	291
Discount Bank "A"	r	476	480
United Mizrahi Bank	b	148	150
Bank Hapoalim—10%	b	317	317
Bank Leumi—"A"	r	256.5	256
MORTGAGE BANKS			
Gen. Mortgage Bank	b	213	213
Carmel Mortg. & Inv.	b	135	137.5
Bank Binyan	b	320	320
Dev. & Mortg. Bank	b	230	230
Housing Mortg. Bank	b	171.5	172.5
Tefahot 8%	b	209	209
Tefahot	b	202.6	203.5
SPECIALIZED FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS			
Ind. & Dev. Bank 8%	r	69.5	69.5
Hassneh Insurance	b	206.5	206
Sahar—"C"	b	252.5	254
COMMERCIAL SERVICES & UTILITIES			
Motor House	b	68	68.5
Delek C.	r	141.5	139.5
Cold Storage—IL10	r	170	179
Israel Electric Corp.	r	53.5	55
Lighterage & Supply	r	167.6	170
LAND, BUILDING DEVELOPMENT AND CITRUS			
Azorim	r	187	188.5
Africa Isr IL10	r	260	260
Isr. Land Dev.	b	160	163
Solel Boneh—10%	r	130.5	132
Property & Build.	r	186.5	186.5
Isras	b	142	142.5
Mehadrin	r	200	200
I.C.P. Isr. Citrus	b	83.5	88.5
Anglo-Isr. Investor	b	136	137
Neot Aviv	r	62.5	65
Pri Or Ltd.	r	167.5	169.5
Rassco—8%	r	77	81
Rassco—O.	r	62	63
INDUSTRIAL			
Alliance—B	r	485	490
Elco—2.5	b	94	95
Electra—5	r	190	198
"Argaman"—8%	b	286	285
"Ata"—C	r	112	113
Dubek	b	349.5	354
Elect. Wire & Cable	b	180	181
Teva	b	1129	1118
Chem. & Phosphates	r	52	52
Lewin Epstein	b	67	68
Moller Textile	r	164.5	165
Phoenicia—8%	b	87	97
Paper Mills	r	295	290.5
Assis "B"	r	203	208
Nechushtan	b	262	275
Shemen—8%	b	132	185
"Taal" Plywood	b	203.5	208
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INVESTMENT & HOLDING COMPANIES			
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Eliern	b	153	156
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Paz	b	92.5	95
Wolfson IL10	b	90.5	91
Ampa	r	114.5	112
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Piryon Investment.	r	91.5	93.5
Hassuta-For. Trade	r	78	79
Export Bank	b	62.5	62
Clal Investment	r	180	180
Clal Industries	r	178	176
FUEL & OIL			
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Jerusalem Post Reporter

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French franc decision upsets outlook for EEC partners

By MOSHE ATER
Jerusalem Post Economic Editor

The main reason advanced by French Finance Minister Valery Giscard D'Estaing for the surprise floating of the franc was the high price of oil, and its probable effect on the French foreign trade balance. The bigger oil bill is expected to bring in its wake a trade deficit of about $3,800m. in 1974 (against a surplus of about $1,200m. in 1973) and a smaller one in 1975, even if imports are cut and exports substantially expanded in the next two years.

The prospect of compensating for that deficit by an inflow of capital from the oil-producing countries was too slim to rely upon — in spite of the French courting of the Arabs. Had the franc kept its fixed exchange rate, the trade deficit would have drained a large part of the French foreign currency reserves — a situation which President Pompidou and his government were intent on preventing. With the floating of the franc, an automatic outflow of reserves need not necessarily take place, and time is gained for price adjustments and other arrangements.

Even though this reasoning seems legitimate, the French move has been received abroad with grave misgivings, because it is a manifestation of a strictly national approach to the current economic crisis. The floating of the franc is seen not only as a defensive device, but also as a means of strengthening the competitive edge of French exports over U.S. goods.

Even before the French move, U.S. authorities were worried by the steady rise of the dollar against the European currencies, which was weakening the competitive advantage of U.S. exports. Now the prospect of a trade war — in a depressed world market — has to be taken all the more seriously.

The French move is seen as directed primarily against Germany and not against the U.S. Bonn tried in vain to dissuade the Paris government from taking the plunge by offering it big credits for bridging the crucial period. The French rejected this monetary cooperation, and opted for monetary competition even among the members of the EEC.

Instead of advancing towards a unified currency, the Nine are now divided more than ever before, with sterling, the franc and the lira floating separately, and the Benelux and the Danish currencies clinging to the German mark. The resulting strains are already jeopardizing the common agricultural and regional development policies, and are putting a question mark upon the future of European integration.

The French move does not augur well for the world economy, which is now facing a severe test. The soaring oil bills are pushing not only France into the red but also most other countries. If all of them react to that prospect by attempting to reduce imports and expand exports — in order to protect their currency reserves — a slump like that of the 'thirties is almost unavoidable.

In order to prevent such a development, talks have been proceeding among the OECD governments about how to "share the burden." The countries least affected (such as the U.S. or Canada) were expected to maintain liberal trade policies, and provide credits to the countries running into balance-of-payment deficits, in order to keep international trade on a high level, until the oil revenues are eventually recycled into the world economy.

In order to facilitate this process, a new credit system — to be operated by the IMF — has been suggested by Dr. Witteveen, IMF Managing Director. However, France's unilateral decision — which was taken a few days after the Rome meeting of the OECD monetary leaders — revealed how shaky their mutual understanding was, and how remote they are from implementing burden-sharing plans.

Those plans envisaged joint use of monetary reserves for promoting mutual trade. But France is said to have rejected the German credit offer mainly because the French would have had to pledge their gold stocks at the official price of $42 per ounce, which is less than one-third of the current market price.

Investors drawn to coin market

Special to The Jerusalem Post

Close to four months after the out-break of the Yom Kippur War, it is already evident that the numismatic market in Israel is again booming. While the Stock Market and Real Estate Investments have not yet reached their solid standing of before the Yom Kippur War, the coin market has fully recuperated. More and more individuals and investors realize that the coin business is nowadays one of the best paying propositions available, and one of the few ways of securing their money against inflation. The three-piece 25th Anniversary gold set, which is in heavy demand with almost no supplies, has risen to IL5,200 (about three times its issue price), and the two-piece gold set (mini-set) to IL1,900.

Our numismatic correspondent reported that the distribution of the Hanukka and Pidyon Haben coins of 1974 has already been started by the Israel Government Coins & Medals Corporation, and it is anticipated that within four to six weeks all subscribers will be in possession of their coins.

The advisory committee of the Bank of Israel, chaired by Chief Justice Witkon, decided last week to issue two gold coins and a silver coin commemorating Ben-Gurion, Israel's first Prime Minister. The denominations will be IL250 and IL100 in gold, whereas the silver denominations have not yet been decided upon. The design of these coins will match those of the Weizmann and Herzl gold coins, using an incused portrait of B-G, with his name in Hebrew and English around it.

Mr. Yitzhak Avni, Director-General of the Government Coin Corporation, said no decision has yet been reached in regard to the quantities, prices and distribution. Mr. Avni, however, revealed that this new issue of Ben-Gurion will be the "gem" of Israel's modern numismatics.

$1 = IL4.20

Year	Name	Quantity	Issue Price IL	Market Price IL
	½ Shekel — Purim Coins			
1961	½ Shekel	20,004	1	160
1961	" P.	5,000	2	430
1962	½ Shekel	20,000	1	110
1962	" P.	10,000	2	230
	1 Pound — Hanukka Coins			
1958	Torah	150,000	2	40
1958	" P.	5,000	4	400
1960	Degania	50,000	2	70
1960	" P.	5,000	4	450
1960	Szold	16,883	2	430
1960	" P.	3,000	4	3200
1961	Hero	30,001	2	100
1961	" P.	9,428	4	230
1962	Italian Lamp	9,657	2	300
1962	" P.	5,040	4	700
1963	N. African Lamp	10,000	2	350
1963	" P.	5,500	4	800
	5 Pounds — Independence Day Coins			
1958	Menorah	98,051	10	65
1958	" P.	2,000	18	800
1959	Exiles	27,349	10	140
1959	" P.	4,792	18	850
1960	Herzl	34,472	10	130
1960	" P.	4,923	20	750
1961	Bar-Mitzva	19,541	10	530
1961	" P.	4,561	20	840
1962	Negev	10,450	10	650
1962	" P.	5,050	20	780
1963	Seafaring	5,990	10	1900
1963	" P.	4,500	20	2100
1964	Museum	11,100	10	480
1964	" P.	4,500	20	780
1965	Knesset	25,252	10	230
1965	" P.	7,660	20	370
1966	Life	83,503	13.50	130
1966	" P.	19,500	25	260
1967	Eilat	30,250	13.50	180
1967	" P.	7,755	25	330
	10 Pounds — Special Issue			
1967	Victory	234,559	12.50	50
1967	" P.	50,499	30	140
1971	Freedom	75,000	30	60
1971	" P.	20,000	60	180
	10 Pounds — Independence Day Coins			
1968	Jerusalem	50,000	22.50	100
1968	" P.	30,501	42.50	180
1969	Shalom (S.F.)	40,000	25	100
1969	" P.	20,000	50	180
1969	" (J.)	20,000	25	160
1970	Mikveh	47,500	25	90
1970	" P.	22,500	50	160
1971	Science (U.)	30,000	25	150
1971	" P.	17,500	50	235
1971	" (J.)	22,500	25	200
1972	Aviation	50,000	30	170
1972	" P.	15,000	60	240
1973	Declaration	125,000	40	65
1973	" P.	41,500	80	170
	10 Pounds — Pidyon HaBen			
1970	P-H	50,833	25	90
1970	" P.	15,000	50	180
1971	"	30,201	25	120
1971	" P.	15,000	50	230
1972	" (star)	30,000	30	70
1972	" (no star)	15,000	30	85
1972	" P.	12,500	60	175
1973	"	—	30	40
1973	" P.	15,000	60	170
	5 Pounds — Hanukka Coins			
1970	Russian Lamp	75,000	20	60
1972	" P.	22,500	40	140
	Gold Coins			
1960	Herzl (20)	10,510	50	3500
1962	Weizmann (50) P.	6,303	150	
1962	Weizmann (100) P.	6,303	300	4000
1964	Bank (50)	6,034	150	4000
1964	" (50) P.	1,502	250	20000
1967	Victory (100) P.	9,004	300	5000
1968	Jerusalem (100) P.	12,500	350	2700
1969	Shalom (100) P.	12,500	420	2300
1971	Freedom (100) P.	10,000	430	2800
1973	Declaration (50) P.	12,500	230	600
1973	" (100) P.	10,000	465	1400
1973	" (50-100-200)	18,750	1,617	5000

(In sets of three only)

P = Proof
SF = San Francisco Mint
J = Jerusalem Mint
U = Utrecht Mint

Date set for petrol strike

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The central committee of the Association of Agents and Service Station Owners in Israel decided yesterday to hold a 24-hour protest strike next Monday if the fuel companies do not agree to increase their commissions.

The service station owners claim that the two recent increases in fuel prices had decreased their commission and had also caused a drop of about 25 per cent in sales, especially of gasoline.

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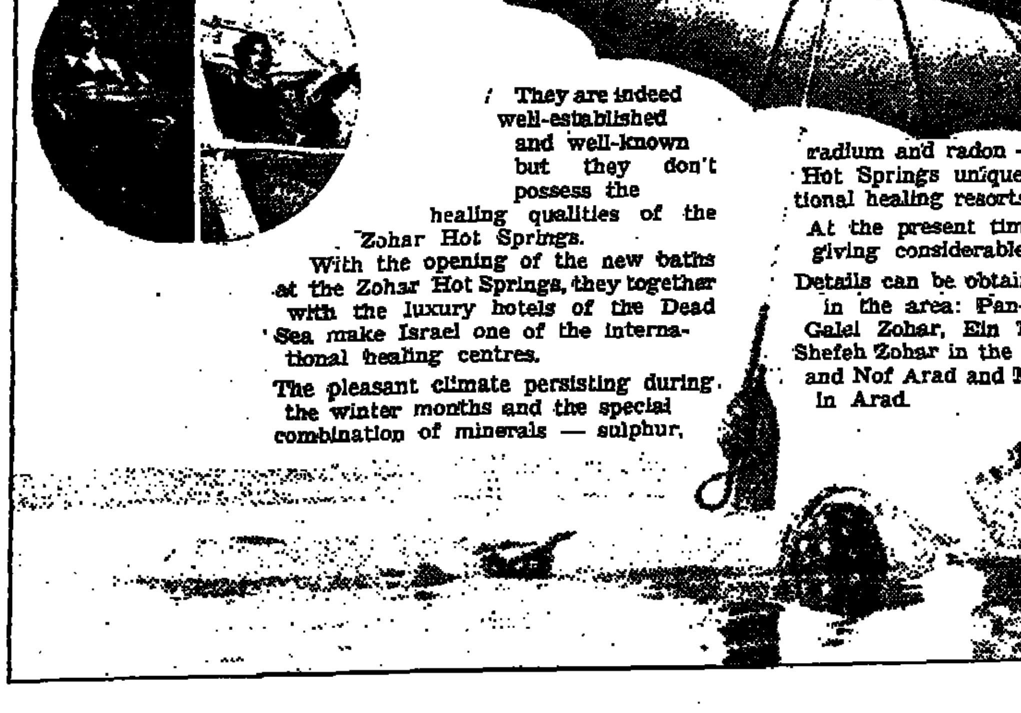
FIAT ASSURES ARABS: 'NO BUSINESS WITH ISRAEL'

ROME (AFP). — The Fiat automobile firm yesterday declared here that it has no factories, branches or sales network in Israel, and no intention of setting up any.

The announcement followed a statement in Abu Dhabi by the head of the Arab Boycott office, Muhammad Mahgoub, that his group was looking into reports Fiat had, or planned to have, an Israeli branch. Fiat has already had trouble with Libyan leader Mu'ammar Gaddafi, who demanded it fire the Jewish editor of its Turin paper, "La Stampa," for an article which allegedly ridiculed him.

and now ZOHAR HOT SPRINGS



They are indeed well-established and well-known but they don't possess the healing qualities of the Zohar Hot Springs.

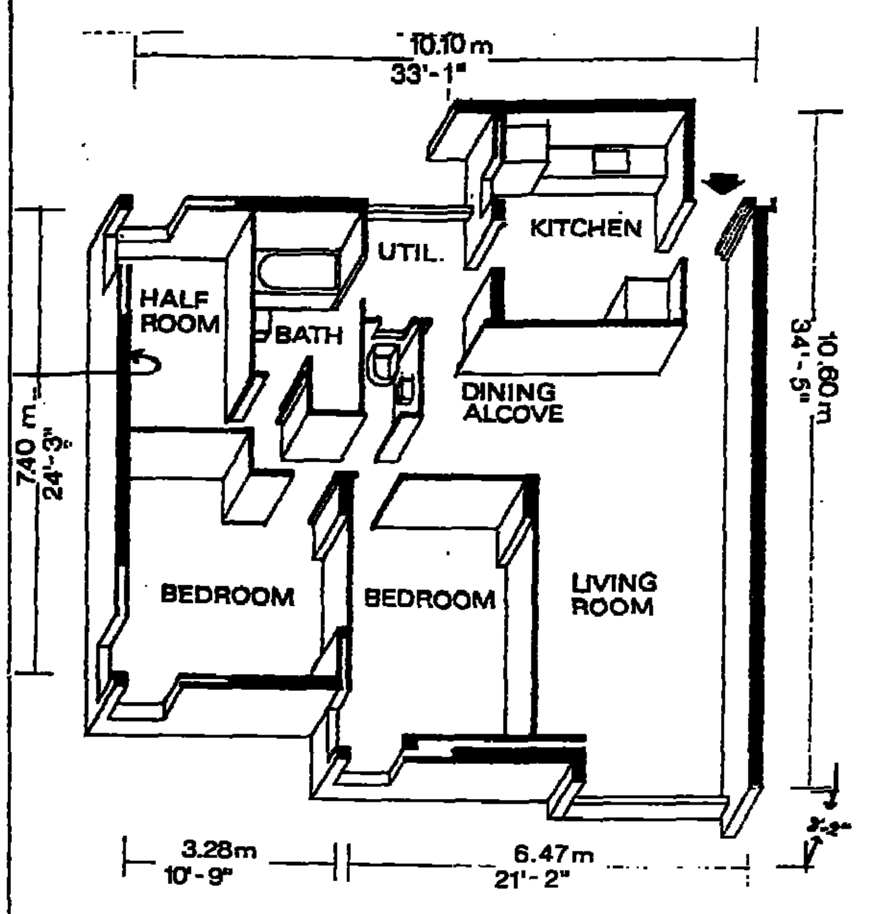
With the opening of the new baths at the Zohar Hot Springs, they together with the luxury hotels of the Dead Sea make Israel one of the international healing centres.

The pleasant climate persisting during the winter months and the special combination of minerals — sulphur, radium and radon — make the Zohar Hot Springs unique among international healing resorts.

At the present time we are also giving considerable reductions.

Details can be obtained in the hotels in the area: Pan-American, Galei Zohar, Ein Bokek, Shefeh Zohar in the Dead Sea area and Nof Arad and Masada in Arad.

INDUSTRY AFTER THE WAR



One of the schematic floor plans distributed by Isralom in connection with the sale of flats to overseas buyers.

Isralom resumes campaign for affluent home buyers

Selling luxury flats to overseas investors has become an industry in recent years. Like other industries, the "second home" business was badly hit by the war. This is the second in a series describing such companies.

By AARON SITTNER
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Owning two cars is no longer something special for hundreds of thousands of families abroad. The "in" thing these days is to be a family with a second home.

A second home, away from the grind and grime of city life. A second home: an idyllic dream, but an expensive one. To make sales of second homes easier, builders and their promoters began pushing the condominium idea. Though not a new device, condominium ownership affords the buyer full title to his own flat, while bringing down carrying costs and other charges through sharing with neighbours in the same building or project. In addition, there are certain tax advantages.

It wasn't long after the condominium business picked up steam in the U.S., Spain, Puerto Rico and elsewhere that a group of five Israeli builders decided to try their luck. They threw their hat in on July, 1971, by setting up Isralom-Israel Homes and Real Estate, Ltd., with offices in Tel Aviv and New York.

Isralom's aim was — and is — to interest families overseas, primarily Jewish, in choosing Israel when they set out to buy a second home. As selling agents for the builders (called "sponsors"), Isralom operates with a staff of 38, plus a network of 60 salesmen on commission. Advertising and other marketing is channeled through media with a Jewish audience: Jewish newspapers abroad, literature kits handed to passengers on El Al, radio stations with sizable Jewish audiences in certain U.S. cities and *The Jerusalem Post Overseas Weekly*. In addition, a lively direct mail campaign is based on membership lists of Jewish communal organizations abroad.

Up until the October war, business was "quite good," Uzi Ruskin, Isralom's general manager, said in a recent interview. In the first six months of its existence, the company sold $6m. worth of flats. During the next 12 months, that figure almost trebled, to $17m. The pace quickened last year, with $20m. in sales chalked up by October.

But by December, average monthly sales had dropped from $2.5m. to $1.6m., and this month's total is expected to range between $700,000 and $1m. The falloff was expected since the building industry was the first — and hardest — hit by the war. The continuing dearth of building workers, the mobilization of construction foremen and trucking problems have combined to put a crimp in Isralom's plans, as well as those of other builders. In addition, political uncertainties appear to be causing would-be buyers abroad to think twice before investing in a second home here.

"If I were a professional financial counselor," says Ruskin, "I probably could point to more profitable investments than a second home in Israel. But for a Jew abroad with a feeling for the Jewish State, there certainly is a plus in investing in a place of his own here in Israel."

To make the investment attractive, the Government has already agreed to recognize purchases of condominiums through Isralom as "approved investments," carrying with them lavish tax benefits. In addition, the law provides for full repatriation *in foreign currency* of all the money paid in the event the buyer decides to sell his home.

What does a nice little (or not-so-little) flat cost today?

"We have all kinds of flats, and they cost from $28,000 and up," Mr. Ruskin said.

"Up" means to about $500,000, he explained. Several factors determine the price, aside from the location. For example, foreign buyers are quite choosy about such details as ample closet space and large kitchens. A buyer can almost custom design his own apartment from the original floor plan in Isralom's sales literature. These changes cost money.

Another variable — a very important one — is the local Construction Costs Index, which reflects changes in the prices of labour, building material and land. With the index rising sharply in recent years, Isralom adds the following candid statement to its sales offerings: "The prices may be changed so that purchasers may pay different prices for similar interests." Accordingly, the price sheet in the sales offering is removable, and often changed upon instruction from the head office in Tel Aviv. In the past, prices have risen 50 to 100 per cent between the date of the prospectus and the closing of a sale.

Only 25 per cent of the price is required as a down payment, followed by 65 per cent in monthly payments during the construction period. The final 10 per cent is payable upon occupancy.

One of Isralom's latest projects is their super-luxurious building going up in Tel Aviv, on Rehov David Hamelech. Located less than two kilometres from the low-income Montefiore Quarter, this building was designed for "a special class of people," as Mr. Ruskin puts it. Prices *start* at $80,000. There is an indoor swimming pool and saunas in the fully air conditioned building. "We probably want a little snobism in such a building," Ruskin admits. "That's what many of the would-be buyers are looking for."

For example, an Isralom employee has been kept quite busy lately packing and mailing different varieties of coloured bathroom tile to a customer overseas. After several two-way trips of the sample case, the buyer still cannot make up her mind. Meanwhile, the builder cannot complete the flat.

According to Mr. Ruskin, a common feature of all overseas buyers is a desire for protection against Israeli bureaucracy. He says: "People from abroad just refuse to stand for the red tape in taking possession of a property in Israel — the endless trips to the land registry, electric company, gas company, the municipality, the notary, the telephone office — and more. We Israelis have grown accustomed to this, so we put up with it. But this is catastrophic for a firm that deals with non-Israelis."

It is hard to predict which way second home sales will head following the Yom Kippur War. In the past, a close correlation has been noted between purchases of second homes and tourism. If the latter resumes its pre-1973 pace, the future will look rosy for Isralom.

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ISRAEL BONDS AND OUR DEVELOPMENT BUDGET

AT a time when Israel's resources are strained to the limit, the Government has had no option but to keep trimming long-term development plans — in order to save money. It is a question of priorities. First comes defence, then immigration, then the social services and the relief of want. If there are not enough funds to go round, it is the Development Budget that is sacrificed.

Yet the authorities have always attached importance to maintaining a high economic growth-rate, because in the long term that is what makes it possible for Israel to cope with her costly burdens. A local-currency budget of IL10 billion in 1974 (if that should be the figure) will come to something like one-quarter of the gross national product. If the country can maintain a growth-rate of eight per cent at constant prices, then in just over five years the same provision for defence will use up only one-sixth of the GNP.

The Development Budget was cut by the Gvati committee last year. It was cut again — twice — in the present fiscal year. Such economies serve to ease existing pressures, but by slowing down economic expansion, they imperil our capacity to withstand the pressures of tomorrow.

This is where the Israel Bond drive comes in. Proceeds from sales of the Independence and Development Loans abroad have been from the beginning one of the main sources in financing the development of Israel's infra-structure. They were supplemented by internal loans. But under today's war-economy conditions, all internal loans are used up to bolster ordinary and defence expenditures. Since the outbreak of war, Bonds have become the sole and exclusive source of finance for the State's Development Budget.

The 500 foreign delegates assembling today for the Prime Minister's 1974 International Bond Conference will discuss how to handle the latest Bond issue — the $1,000m. Development and Reconstruction Loan, approved by the Knesset on November 14. Their cooperation is important for Israel in two ways.

First, the dollar reserves are starting to decline from the high level achieved after the war. Bond sales will help to alleviate the shortage of foreign exchange, which constitutes the chief long-term threat overhanging the Israeli economy.

Second, it is vital to keep the Development Budget going. The energy crisis alone necessitates new funds for oil prospecting this year, and provision for the construction of an atomic power station. Investment is needed in water sources, transport, industry, not to mention the construction of new schools, hospitals and other facilities for the social services.

The Development Budget last year cost, in dollar terms (excluding the provision for debt redemption) $550m. The Bond drive yielded $502m. — which is an impressive effort, considering that contributions up to October 6 were only $171m. If the Treasury is to allocate the same amount to development in real terms next year, the cost will be, allowing for increased prices, at least another $100m.

The Conference is going to decide whether Bond sales can cover the whole of that outlay. But the Government's decision about the volume of investment (of which the Development Budget is only a part, though it tends to be the catalyst) cannot be contingent on the success or otherwise of Bond sales in 1974. It is imperative to keep up the accustomed high rate of investment, even if this must come at the expense of private consumption.

Dry Bones

ISRAEL PRESS

Sharon and the Army

Davar (Histadrut) severely criticizes Ariel Sharon for the press interviews published last Friday. "Ostensibly, a commander is authorized, upon leaving the service, to give his evaluations of those responsible in the defence establishment and the army. But under no circumstances may he reveal things known to him by virtue of his army post, particularly when they are currently under investigation by a commission of inquiry."

The paper criticizes Sharon for revealing that in the course of carrying out an order with which he disagreed, his division had suffered severe losses. "Sharon is exploiting the silence other equally knowledgeable commanders have imposed on themselves. They have refrained from revealing that heavy losses were suffered in an operation carried out by Sharon — unsuccessfully and in violation of orders. This is only one example of the selectivity of his revelations.

"Sharon's statements reflect his basic philosophy that a commander is permitted to violate orders if he thinks they are detrimental to the state or his troops, and implies that he did so on more than one occasion.

"Gen. MacArthur was dismissed by Truman for the mere intention to violate orders," the paper concludes.

Ha'aretz (non-party) severely criticizes the Army Spokesman's policy of not permitting local and foreign newsmen to cover the withdrawal of Israeli troops from the Canal Zone. "The IDF is acting on orders from the Defence Minister himself, who of late has taken over entirely the Army's information affairs. The contention that there should be no coverage of IDF troop withdrawal until the Egyptians begin to thin out their forces is entirely illogical... misleading the public by banning press coverage will not change matters, but will only undermine the public's confidence.

"This order — whether a personal caprice or an official decision — cannot be tolerated," the paper concludes.

Al Hamishmar (Mapam) calls for the rapid formation of a government, and criticizes the NRP, spurred on by the Likud, for its tactics in attempting to undermine the Alignment's opposition to a broad coalition. In particular, it singles out the claim of Likud representatives that Ministers Dayan and Peres favour an emergency coalition.

"Such a government would not be able to reach the vital decisions on peace, borders and security Israel will be called upon to make. Peres himself has said that such a government would be incapable of such decisions, with each side sticking to its own views."

Hatzofe (National Religious) calls for formation of a broad national coalition in view of the need to reach far-reaching decisions concerning talks with Syria and the next stage of talks with Egypt, and calls on the Labour Party "to stand by its Jewish responsibility and form such a government." The paper also warns against the dire consequences of giving in on the Orthodox conversion issue.

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SADAT STRONG AT HOME, PRESSED ABROAD

Arabs fear Egypt will go it alone

MIDDLE EAST SCENE by ANAN SAFADI

The Egyptians emphasize that disengagement is a first step towards an overall settlement to the conflict with Israel. But they also view it as the climax of their achievements in the October war. In this thinking, they differ from a number of Arab states who fear that disengagement may remain a unilateral Egyptian move which would separate Cairo from the rest of the Arab world in the confrontation with Israel.

The impact of these suspicions about Egypt's future reputation and status in the Arab world now depends on the chances of achieving a disengagement between Syria and Israel and on the preparedness of the Arab oil-producing states to end their oil embargo against the West. Either development would provide evidence that Egypt remains a power within the Arab fold.

Egyptians united

In contrast to impressions conveyed by some European newspapers, there seems to be no suggestion that the Egyptians themselves were divided on the question of their government's signing the disengagement agreement with Israel. On the contrary, the disengagement move strengthened President Anwar Sadat's position at home.

As far as Egypt is concerned, the separation of forces has in fact achieved the two major aims which Sadat claimed to have set himself by launching the October war. The first of these was to break the Middle East state of "no war, no peace" and the second to cross the Canal. Indeed, the disengagement agreement has allowed Egypt to perpetuate its presence on the eastern bank of the Suez Canal — something which the war itself left uncertain.

Completion of the disengagement moves may further strengthen Sadat's position within Egypt, especially if the Suez Canal is reopened. For the Egyptians, reopening of the waterway represents more than restoration of Egyptian control over the Canal. It means normalization, with a nation-wide impact affecting the psychological, political and economic life of Egypt. It will mean rehabilitation of one of Egypt's most populated areas, repatriation of over a million refugees, reinstatement of Egypt's status as an international crossroads, and revival of one of the country's main sources of revenue — all this in addition to its direct effect on other major sources of revenue like tourism and agriculture.

The Egyptians — who are usually too proud to be dependent on other Arabs for long, while viewing themselves as the standard-bearers of Arab leadership — appear to have felt for some time that the rehabilitation of the Canal was vital as a guarantee of their economic independence. This was a hope voiced often during the past few years by Egypt's leading intellectuals, though they were occasionally silenced by Sadat at times when he was intent on rallying the political and financial support of the rest of the Arab world. Then he would emphasize the overall nature of the Arab conflict with Israel rather than with Egypt alone.

Now it appears that the majority of Egyptians feel disengagement may well give them the chance of concentrating on their own domestic problems, after long years of purely military activity.

The extent of Egypt's new tendency to devote its attention to its own internal affairs following the disengagement agreement with Israel, will be closely followed in the rest of the Arab world.

This may also determine Sadat's future moves, for an inward "Egyptian" focus would lead to conflict with erstwhile allies.

The current escalation of such a confrontation with Libya and Iraq does not seem to be bothering Sadat very much. What concerns him most at the moment is the support of Syria, which holds the key to Middle East stability, and that of Saudi Arabia which is wielding the Arab oil weapon.

Harmony between Egypt and either Syria or Saudi Arabia would boost Cairo's political strategy and might well mean that the U.S.-initiated disengagement between Israel and her Arab neighbours could serve as a possible prelude to a political settlement in the Middle East. The absence of such harmony, however, would mean the threat of repercussions throughout the Arab world, including Egypt itself, and thus jeopardize the disengagement doctrine.

There seems to be a considerable consensus among Middle East observers that Sadat indeed seeks an end to the 25-year-old Middle East conflict, but by adopting the apparent strategy of turning that conflict back into an Israeli-Palestinian problem rather than a general Arab confrontation with Israel. In this context, Sadat is often quoted as stressing the need to settle the post-1967 conflict with the Arab states concerned — Egypt, Syria and Jordan — under the cloak of Security Council Resolution 242, while emphasizing that the "Palestine problem" should be left for the Palestinians themselves to negotiate with Israel.

What Sadat seems to want is restoration of Egyptian control over Sinai and Syrian control over the Golan Heights. In addition, he appears to want both Jordan and Israel to relinquish their claims to the West Bank and the Gaza Strip so that the Palestinians would establish a state of their own there and then negotiate their refugee claims and future relations with Israel.

Militant resistance

On the surface, these aspirations appear to have been accepted by both Syria and the Fatah. Yasser Arafat seems to feel that the Sadat strategy would promote his own aspirations of setting up a so-called secular state in "old" Palestine and thus eventually liquidate Israel. On the other hand, the Sadat strategy is being resisted by militant Arab states and radical terrorist groups who express the fear that the Egyptian leader is, in fact, moving towards settling the conflict between Israel and her neighbours while selling out the Palestinians, by stressing that only the latter can speak for their own people without involving the Arab states.

This is the same vicious circle of inter-Arab politics which Israel has had to face over the past quarter of a century.

Readers' letters

Abandon defeatism

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — In their ad of January 13, the Committee of Concerned Americans writes that suggestions are welcome, so I take the liberty to suggest the following:

Suggestion No. 1 is that Golda Meir, Moshe Dayan and even dovish Yigal Allon are just as concerned about the survival of our State as they are.

Suggestion No. 2 is that if Egypt would remove its heavy armour from the east bank of the Canal, would reopen the Canal to shipping *for all* and would rehabilitate the civilian population on the west bank of the Canal, allowing joint Israeli-Egyptian supervision of the area vacated by us — and it seems that Golda and Dayan are trying to obtain all this — the advantages are certainly reciprocal and not unilateral as the Committee claims.

Suggestion No. 3 is that we have never had such an opportunity to try the earnestness and willingness of the Arabs (or at least of the Egyptians and Jordanians) to come to a mutually honourable settlement with us. It may not come about, but at least we tried, in contrast to the sterile period from 1967 till 1973, when the three "noes" of Khartoum ruled out the opportunity given to us this time.

Suggestion No. 4 is that we abandon the defeatism prevalent in this country and that we trust that the people representing us in the present negotiations are at least as capable and as concerned about our vital interests as we are ourselves.

JOSEPH CETER

Ramat Gan, January 13.

NO REASON TO COMPLAIN

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — I have been living in Israel for about a month, having arrived from Moscow. I am a construction engineer. I had a good position in Moscow and earned a fairly decent salary (by Soviet standards) — 160 rubles.

I am single and my budget was divided as follows:

Flat and communal services (including laundry, dry cleaning, telephone, etc.): 20 rubles (I occupied one room in a communal apartment); transportation: 10 rubles; food and non-alcoholic drinks (fruit and vegetables limited, and occasionally excluded): 100 rubles. Thus, after meeting my absolutely basic needs, I still had 30 rubles of my salary, from which I put aside 10 rubles for my annual leave.

The remaining 20 rubles had to cover clothing (it should note that a decent suit costs at least 150 rubles), cultural requirements (movies, theatre, exhibitions, concerts, etc.) and entertainment (restaurants, parties, flowers, etc., a visit to a restaurant with a girl costing about 20 rubles for a modest meal).

The purpose of this letter is not to tell about my budget in the Soviet Union, but to point out to certain repatriates that there is not the slightest material basis for their nagging, displeasure and discontent in the initial period of arrival in Israel, the period of adaptation.

Let us make an elementary reckoning. I will proceed from the fact that, in the period of adaptation (the first six months), the repatriate need not worry about clothing (which he should bring with him), rent and cultural requirements (which are taken care of by the Jewish Agency). There remains the cost of food and transportation. I was given a monthly grant of IL360. Let us deduct IL60 for transportation, leaving IL300 for food and drink. Recalling that this item accounted for 100 rubles of my salary in the Soviet Union, let us draw up a comparative table showing what this sum could buy me there, and what I can acquire here for IL360.

	100 rubles in USSR	IL360 in Israel
Meat	50 kg.	15 kg.
Fowl	30 kg.	60 kg.
Eggs	1,000 pcs.	1,500 pcs.
Milk	300 ltr.	500 ltr.
Butter	30 kg.	30 kg.
Veg. oil	60 ltr.	150 ltr.
Sugar	100 kg.	250 kg.
Fruit (citrus)	65 kg.	250 kg.
Vegetables (tomatoes, cucumbers)	40 kg.	200 kg

From this table we can conclude that, providing a repatriate is willing to exchange meat for fowl (not such a bad swap!), then the Agency grant can feed him better than a salary in Russia of between 190-200 rubles which, frankly, few engineers there receive. Hence, a second conclusion that, during the initial period of adaptation (five to six months) while he studies Hebrew, the repatriate has no material basis, at least, for complaints about his fate and about this country, which has cared for him so generously during this time.

With regard to the subsequent period, when the repatriate leaves the Agency's protection for an independent life, finds work and makes a real effort in this country, his genuine motherland — his monthly salary will be somewhere between IL1,200 and 1,500. This sum in terms of the cost of supplies in the difficult post-war period — and in winter, to boot — is equivalent to a salary in Russia of between 800 and 1,000 rubles. Only a few prominent figures at the level of academicians and state ministers draw such a salary.

Those who continue to complain about their fate in Israel might benefit from a contemplation of these facts and figures.

Z. GUR

Kfar Habad, January 2.

Unfair to Eban

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — Your correspondent, Dr. M.R. Bloch (January 1) is being very unfair to Mr. Abba Eban when he complains of what he describes as the use of "Chamberlain's" phrase "peace with honour." The phrase, so far as I can discover, was first used by Benjamin Disraeli as Lord Beaconsfield and Prime Minister of England in a speech made to Parliament on July 16, 1878. He and his Foreign Minister, Lord Salisbury, had represented this country at the Berlin Conference held in June and July in that year, at which representatives of the then major powers had met to deal with the situation created by the Russo-Turkish war. In his report to Parliament, Disraeli said "Lord Salisbury and myself have brought you back peace — but a peace, I hope, with honour."

RONALD NATHAN

Kenton, Middlesex, January 10.

Poor press relations

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — As a visiting newsman with time strictly limited, I am appalled at the treatment accorded foreign correspondents. Requests or visits to certain areas encounter a minimum delay of 48 hours.

Appointments are made with press liaison people. Upon arrival at the designated time, one is told that the official is out, or has gone home for the day. The arbitrary manner in which these matters are handled, the inflexibility, bordering on contempt, shown by government officials is in marked contrast to treatment accorded press personnel in other countries I have recently visited.

H. SLOTKI,
Universal News — Canada

London, Ont., January 13.

Holy city

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir — That Jerusalem is a city holy to three faiths is a misleading half-truth. The role of Jerusalem in Judaism is not comparable with its role in other religions.

Towards Jerusalem, and to Jerusalem alone, the Jew turns in prayer; it is the only destiny of the Jewish pilgrim; it is the capital city of the Jewish people. It played this role for no other people or faith — even when under Christian or Moslem rule.

Jerusalem is the Jew's Mecca and his Rome. For others, Jerusalem is a Holy City — for the Jew, it is *The Holy City*. There is a difference.

The Arabs demand the return of Jerusalem as the price of peace. I think we do not give enough publicity overseas to the fate of the Jewish Holy Places in the Old City of Jerusalem when the city was in Arab hands. Preferably, this should be done with pictures of how it looked before and after. Doctor Kissinger should be taken on a guided tour of the city with a full account of the history of each of the holy places, including a description of its treatment under Jordanian occupation. This should be done before attitudes are fixed and pressure builds up for concessions on Jerusalem.

KENNETH L. COHEN

Jerusalem, January 14.

DON'T SELL ORTHODOXY SHORT

COUNTERVIEW
By GABRIEL SIVAN

A NUMBER of statements published as supposed facts in articles dealing with the "Halachic conversion" issue deserve to be challenged.

The Conservative movement in the United States claims a paid-up membership of 350,000 and the Reform movement about 250,000. If we accept these figures and estimate the total number of Conservative and Reform Jews — men, women and children — in the U.S.A. to number something in excess of two and a half million, that still means that "these two dominant patterns of Jewish religious and communal life in America" (as Erwin Frenkel described them in *The Jerusalem Post* of January 18) represent less than half the entire Jewish population of the United States (more than six million in all). Many of the remaining three million or more American Jews are not, of course, affiliated to Orthodox — or any other — synagogues, but it is still true that there are many more Orthodox than non-Orthodox congregations in the U.S.A.

So far as the rest of the world is concerned, the "Orthodox minority" (referred to in the *Post* editorial on January 16) actually dominates the Jewish religious scene. In Germany, the original home of Reform, there is today no Liberal Jewish movement. The only vestige of what was called Neology in Eastern Europe is confined to just two of the 30 synagogues in Hungary. Orthodoxy is the sole expression of Judaism in Rumania, with its 100,000-strong community and 185 synagogues, and (insofar as Judaism is permitted to survive) among the three million Jews of the Soviet Union.

Statistics regarding Jewish communities in the free world are even mort precise and no less revealing. Barely one-eighth of Great Britain's 400 synagogues are associated with the Reform and Liberal movements and Orthodoxy of one shade or another continues to have an almost unchallenged appeal for the majority of British Jews. Where Conservative and/or Reform congregations are active — in Australia, Canada, South Africa, Argentina and Brazil — they remain in a position of numerical inferiority, if not relative obscurity. There are no non-Orthodox communities among the 35,000 Jews of Italy, the 52,000 Jews of Uruguay, or the 75,000 Jews of Iran, while just one of the 187 synagogues in France, with its Jewish population of 600,000 forlornly hoists a Liberal banner.

These figures should make it clear that Orthodoxy in the Diaspora has in fact more than held its own "in free competition," and in practice certainly can "challenge the dominance of Reform and Conservative institutions." Readers need only consult the relevant articles in the American and Anglo-Jewish yearbooks and in the *Encyclopaedia Judaica* in order to gauge the accuracy of statements quoted in the *Post* articles. The same may be said of the claims made about Diaspora Jewry by Reform and Conservative spokesmen on Israel radio and television.

Having established the facts, it is only right and proper to acknowledge the very substantial fund-raising achievements of the Conservative, and of many sections of the Reform, movement in the United States and Canada. Their financial standing makes Jews of such affiliation natural leaders of the United Jewish Appeal. But the "ecumenism" of most American Reform rabbis, of which there was a striking illustration in a very recent Voice of America broadcast, makes the Jewish adherence of their congregants' children — never mind their grandchildren and great-grandchildren — a matter for conjecture. And with the Conservative rabbinate's ever more radical departure from the Jewish Theological Seminary's traditionalism, even the moderately observant Jew can see cause for alarm. With all the good will in the world — "some of my best friends" here were once Conservative and Reform rabbis in America — I quite see why the National Religious Party and the Israel Chief Rabbinate insist on knowing who converts whom in the United States.

To my mind, and I have travelled fairly widely in both Europe and America, the average "secular" Israeli is Orthodox by comparison with the average Reform Jew in the United States. Unless we are to understand that *minority* religious elements abroad are putting pressure on the Independent Liberal Party, the "Who's A Jew" issue concerns only those converted by rabbis who "do not pay their due to the Halacha" (to quote the *Post* editorial), and the machinery that exists here can — and should — take care of would-be proselytes wishing to settle in Israel. It seems reasonable to accept *aliya* as a legitimate Jewish motivation. And those immigrants who prefer to worship in Conservative and Reform synagogues are able to do so in this country, as the Friday announcements in this paper amply demonstrate.

I beg to differ with Erwin Frenkel, who asserts that "Halacha is not of concern to 80 to 90 per cent of American Jews, *including most of the congregants of Orthodox rabbis*" (my italics). This is surely "something grotesque" by journalistic standards. If "most" Orthodox Jews in America are indifferent to Halacha, why — in a state of "free competition" — do they choose to remain Orthodox? For those of us who are concerned for Israel's national, moral and religious integrity (and I do not believe that we are such a "small minority"), the remarkably high proportion of religious *olim* from the West bears witness to Orthodoxy's undiminished vitality and offers one of the firmest guarantees for the future. Were even the Young Israel movement's entire membership to immigrate from the U.S.A. (so far they are the only congregational body in America that, to my knowledge, has made a serious move in the direction of *aliya*), the Orthodox "minority" here would become a force to reckon with.

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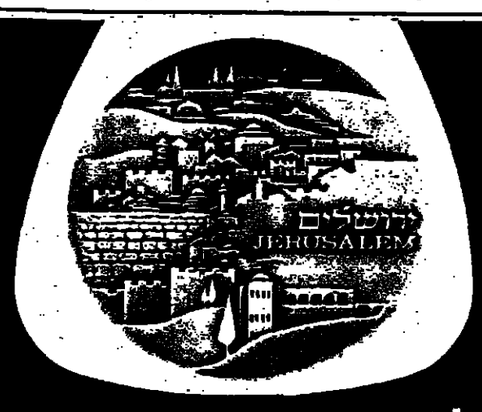

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